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How Do Clownfish Become Parents?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Example response) It's helpful because the group can keep reproducing, ensuring their survival. Without a female, the group wouldn't be able to have new offspring.
2. The male's care ensures the eggs stay clean and get enough oxygen, and guarding them from predators helps more eggs survive until they hatch.
3. (Example response) Baby clownfish face challenges like finding food, avoiding predators, and finding a safe place to live. Being so small makes them vulnerable.
4. (Example response) I would want to see how the male clownfish protects the eggs and how the larvae behave when they first hatch. It would be interesting to see how they drift in the water before finding a coral reef.

