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The Amazing Life Cycle of a Clownfish

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Example response) Clownfish stay near a sea anemone because it keeps them safe from predators and provides a place to live and reproduce.
2. (Example response) As eggs, clownfish must be protected from predators. As larvae, they drift and can be eaten. As juveniles, they must learn to live in an anemone. Adults must protect their home and group.
3. (Example response) The ability to change gender helps clownfish survive because it allows the group to keep reproducing, even if the female dies.
4. (Example response) I would want to see the larva stage because it's amazing how the tiny clownfish drift in the ocean and find their way back to coral reefs to start their lives.