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## The Perils of a Cricket's World

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Crickets are important for the environment because they recycle nutrients, eat decaying plants, and serve as food for many animals.
2. As a cricket, I would hide in grass or under rocks to avoid predators and use my color to blend in with my surroundings.
3. Parasites and diseases make crickets weak or sick, but crickets groom themselves to remove parasites and avoid damp areas to prevent fungal infections.
4. Humans can help crickets by reducing pesticide use, protecting natural habitats, and planting more greenery where crickets can live.

