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## Crickets: Tiny Heroes of the Ecosystem

### Short Answer Key

1. Frogs and birds depend on crickets for food.
2. Crickets make the soil richer by eating decaying plants and insects, which return nutrients to the soil.
3. Crickets eat dead leaves, plants, and insects to recycle nutrients.
4. Crickets help plants spread by carrying seeds on their bodies or in their droppings.
5. Chirping crickets are a sign that the environment has clean air, water, and plenty of plants.

