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## Dragonfly Life: How They Reproduce

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Dragonflies lay many eggs to ensure some survive, as not all eggs or nymphs will make it to adulthood.
2. If dragonfly nymphs couldn't live underwater, they might not survive as easily because water provides food and protection.
3. An ideal response would describe the male guarding his territory, performing flight displays, forming the mating wheel, and the female laying eggs in water.
4. Not caring for their young means dragonflies must lay many eggs to increase the chances of survival. It also allows the adults to focus on mating and hunting.

