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How Dragonflies Talk Without Words

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Dragonflies may use flight and color because they are silent hunters and don't need sounds like birds or bees. Movement and appearance are enough for them to send messages.
2. Flying in different patterns helps dragonflies signal warnings, show off their strength, or defend their territory from others.
3. An ideal response would describe a dragonfly chasing or flying aggressively toward another male to scare him away.
4. Communication is important for dragonflies so they can avoid fights while hunting and attract mates effectively. It helps them survive and thrive in their environment.

