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The Role of Meerkats in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Meerkats are important because they control pests, serve as prey, and improve soil health, helping balance the ecosystem.
2. If meerkats disappeared, insect populations could grow too large, plants might suffer, and predators would lose a food source.
3. Meerkats improve soil by digging, which mixes the soil and improves airflow and water absorption.
4. As a meerkat, my daily activities would help the environment by controlling pests, keeping the soil healthy, and serving as part of the food chain.

