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Small and Fascinating Meerkats

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Teamwork helps meerkats stay safe from predators and care for their young. By working together, they can protect their clan better than being alone.
2. Meerkats find food by using their sharp claws and sense of smell to dig underground. Their sense of smell helps them find insects and other small animals.
3. Meerkat burrows are special because they have many tunnels and rooms. They protect meerkats from the heat and keep them safe from predators.
4. As a meerkat, I would start my day by waking up in the burrow. I would help search for food with my clan and stand guard while others eat. If I spotted danger, I would alert the clan and help keep everyone safe.

