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Firefly Talk: Glowing Conversations in the Night

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Flashing patterns help fireflies find mates, warn predators, and identify their species, which all improve their chances of survival.
2. Fireflies likely developed the ability to glow because it works well in the dark, helping them communicate and stay safe at night.
3. A scientist might ask how fireflies create specific flashing patterns or how their communication changes in different environments.
4. Fireflies' ability to glow makes them unique among insects, allowing them to communicate visually in the dark and protect themselves from predators.

