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How Does a Hedgehog Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Staying with their mother helps hoglets get milk, warmth, and protection while they are still vulnerable.
2. Hedgehogs' solitary behavior and protective spines help them stay safe from predators and find enough food.
3. If a hedgehog stayed with its family, it might face food shortages and territory issues.
4. Hoglets are born blind with soft spines. Their eyes open after two weeks, and their spines harden as they grow older.

