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How Do Koi Fish Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Many people find koi relaxing to watch because they move calmly and gracefully, creating a peaceful atmosphere.
2. The koi's fins work together to make it an efficient swimmer: the tail provides power, the pectoral fins steer, and the dorsal fin provides stability.
3. (Example response) I would include clean water, plants, rocks, and plenty of space in a koi pond to make it safe and enjoyable for them to swim.
4. (Example response) A koi's smooth and quiet swimming helps it avoid predators, while its ability to jump might help it escape danger in the wild.

