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What Does a Ladybug Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Ladybugs are called natural pest controllers because they eat harmful insects like aphids, keeping plants healthy without the need for chemicals.
2. A ladybug's sense of smell helps it locate food, like aphids, making it easier to find meals and survive.
3. (Example response) I would feel happy to see ladybugs in my garden because they protect my plants by eating pests like aphids.
4. Without ladybugs, pests like aphids could overpopulate, damaging plants and crops and affecting the food supply.

