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The Life Cycle of a Meerkat

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Living in groups helps meerkats stay safe, as some members can guard while others find food and care for pups.
2. Meerkats work together by having some adults stay behind to babysit while others forage and keep watch for predators.
3. The meerkat life cycle, with group care and protection, helps ensure the survival of many pups, strengthening the clan.
4. As a meerkat pup, my first experience outside the burrow would be exciting and a bit scary. I would see the sunlight for the first time and stay close to the burrow while learning to walk and explore under the watchful eyes of my family.

