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Lionfish: Where Do They Call Home?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Coral reefs are important because they provide food, shelter, and protection for many types of ocean animals, creating a balanced ecosystem.
2. The lionfish's ability to adapt allows it to survive in new places by finding food and shelter in different habitats.
3. If lionfish populations keep growing, they could harm coral reefs by eating too many fish, which would upset the balance of the ecosystem.
4. A good plan to stop the spread of lionfish might include teaching people how to catch them, creating special traps, or encouraging people to eat lionfish to control their population.

