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Lionfish: What's for Dinner?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lionfish are successful hunters because they have excellent eyesight, use their fins to trap prey, and can suck in prey quickly with their wide mouths.
2. If lionfish eat too many small fish, coral reefs might become unhealthy because small fish help control algae that can harm the reefs.
3. As a scientist, I might try creating special traps for lionfish or teaching more people to safely remove them from reefs.
4. Understanding what lionfish eat and how they hunt helps us know why they cause problems in certain areas and how to control their impact.

