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Lionfish: Life Begins Underwater

Short Answer Key

1. A male lionfish attracts a female by spreading his fins and swimming in circles.
2. A female lionfish can produce up to 15,000 eggs in one mating.
3. Lionfish eggs float on the surface to drift with ocean currents, giving them a better chance to spread and hatch.
4. The gestation period for lionfish eggs is about two days.
5. No, lionfish do not provide care for their young. They release the eggs and swim away, leaving the larvae to survive on their own.

