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Lionfish: Life Begins Underwater

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lionfish don't need to care for their young because releasing so many eggs at once increases the chance that some will survive, even without protection.
2. Releasing thousands of eggs helps lionfish populations grow quickly and spread to new areas, which helps the species survive.
3. Young lionfish face challenges such as finding food, avoiding predators, and surviving in a new environment.
4. The ability to reproduce quickly allows lionfish to take over ecosystems by increasing their population rapidly, especially in areas where they have no natural predators.

