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Lionfish: Silent but Strong Communicators

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lionfish may rely on visual displays because they are silent hunters, and sounds or scents might scare away prey or attract predators.
2. Spreading their fins can make lionfish look bigger and more intimidating, helping them avoid fights or threats.
3. Without their fins, lionfish might have difficulty warning others, attracting mates, or hunting effectively, which could make survival harder.
4. The ways lionfish communicate help them defend their territory, hunt more successfully, and reproduce, all of which are key for survival.

