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## The Secret Swimmer: How Lionfish Move Underwater

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lionfish are good hunters because their slow, graceful movements allow them to sneak up on prey without being noticed.
2. Hovering helps lionfish stay hidden among coral reefs, making it easier to ambush prey and avoid predators.
3. The lionfish's wide fins and venomous spines make them look larger and dangerous, which scares off predators.
4. Answers will vary. Ideal responses will highlight the lionfish's unique swimming style, its ability to hover, or its use of fins for both hunting and defense.