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How Does a Rabbit Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Rabbits evolved to hop because it allows them to move quickly and efficiently while avoiding predators in open environments.
2. Rabbits' ability to hop long distances, run fast, and use zig-zagging helps them escape predators and navigate uneven terrain like meadows or forests.
3. A rabbit being chased by a predator might zig-zag to confuse the predator, hop quickly to cover distance, and use its speed to find a burrow or hiding spot.
4. Rabbits and squirrels both move quickly, but rabbits hop and zig-zag while squirrels often climb trees and jump between branches. Deer also run fast but rely on straight paths, unlike rabbits' zig-zagging.

