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Daily Habits and Behaviors of the Praying Mantis

Short Answer Key

1. Being diurnal means that praying mantises are most active during the day.
2. They ambush their prey by staying still and striking quickly when the prey comes close.
3. Plants provide camouflage and a good place to hunt for insects.
4. At night, praying mantises rest and use their camouflage to stay hidden from predators.
5. Male mantises are cautious because females may eat them after or during mating.

