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## Daily Habits and Behaviors of the Praying Mantis

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Being solitary helps praying mantises avoid competition for food and reduces the chance of being seen by predators.
2. Patience allows the mantis to ambush its prey effectively, saving energy and increasing its chances of catching food.
3. During the day, the mantis might sit still on a branch, blending into the leaves, and watching for movement before quickly striking at its prey.
4. If there were fewer plants, the mantis might have a harder time hiding and finding prey, making it more vulnerable to predators.

