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The Life Cycle of a Praying Mantis

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is an ootheca?
 - A. A protective case for eggs
 - B. A nest made of leaves
 - C. A type of food for nymphs
 - D. A species of mantis

2. What are nymphs?
 - A. Fully grown mantises
 - B. Baby mantises that look like miniature adults
 - C. A type of plant mantises eat
 - D. A predator of mantises

3. How do nymphs grow into adults?
 - A. By molting, or shedding their exoskeletons
 - B. By eating larger and larger prey
 - C. By building nests
 - D. By developing wings immediately after hatching

4. What is the average lifespan of a praying mantis?
 - A. 1 to 2 months
 - B. 2 to 3 years
 - C. 6 to 12 months
 - D. Over 5 years

5. What happens after a female mantis lays her eggs?
 - A. She protects the ootheca until the eggs hatch.
 - B. She feeds the nymphs after they hatch.
 - C. She eats the ootheca for energy.
 - D. She leaves the eggs to survive on their own.

