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How Does a Praying Mantis Communicate?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is one way a praying mantis communicates when it feels threatened?
 - A. It waves its antennae.
 - B. It digs a hole to hide.
 - C. It chirps loudly.
 - D. It raises its front legs and spreads its wings.

2. How do praying mantises communicate during mating?
 - A. By flashing bright lights
 - B. By rubbing their wings together
 - C. By waving antennae or moving slowly
 - D. By making loud noises

3. What is stridulation?
 - A. A sound made by rubbing wings together
 - B. A type of visual display
 - C. A chemical signal used for mating
 - D. A dance performed by males

4. What do females use pheromones for?
 - A. To scare predators
 - B. To attract males during mating season
 - C. To signal danger to other mantises
 - D. To communicate with nymphs

5. Why are male mantises cautious when approaching females?
 - A. To avoid being mistaken for prey
 - B. To scare other males away
 - C. To show off their hunting skills
 - D. To warn predators

