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How Does a Praying Mantis Communicate?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The praying mantis raises its legs, spreads its wings, and sways to look larger and scare predators away.
2. Male mantises must be careful because females might mistake them for prey and attack them.
3. If observing a mantis, it might raise its legs or flash its wings to warn another insect or make itself look bigger.
4. Praying mantises rely on visual displays because they are solitary and live in environments where sight is often more effective than sounds or smells.

