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Predators and Threats to the Praying Mantis

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Habitat loss is dangerous because it removes the plants mantises need for food, shelter, and hiding from predators, forcing them into unsafe areas.
2. Praying mantises adapt by staying still, blending into plants, and only moving when necessary to avoid being seen by predators.
3. In a garden, a mantis might survive by hiding among plants and eating pests, but it could be threatened by birds or pesticides.
4. Protecting praying mantises is important because they help control pest populations and maintain balance in the ecosystem.

