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## The Praying Mantis: A Key Player in the Ecosystem

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is one main way praying mantises help the environment?
  - A. By eating plants
  - B. By controlling pest populations
  - C. By building nests for other insects
  - D. By digging tunnels
  
2. What types of animals prey on praying mantises?
  - A. Grasshoppers and ants
  - B. Turtles and snakes
  - C. Spiders and bees
  - D. Birds, frogs, and lizards
  
3. Why are praying mantises helpful to farmers and gardeners?
  - A. They pollinate flowers.
  - B. They hunt harmful insects without using chemicals.
  - C. They eat weeds.
  - D. They scare away larger animals.
  
4. What adaptation helps mantises catch prey and avoid predators?
  - A. Sharp teeth
  - B. Bright colors
  - C. Camouflage
  - D. Loud sounds
  
5. How does the praying mantis contribute to the food chain?
  - A. It eats smaller insects and is prey for larger animals.
  - B. It only eats plants.
  - C. It builds nests for other insects.
  - D. It produces energy for plants.

