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

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Why is it important for the praying mantis to be both a predator and prey in the ecosystem?
2. How do you think gardens with praying mantises differ from those that use chemical pesticides?
3. Imagine you are a farmer. How might you encourage praying mantises to live in your crops?
4. What would happen if praying mantises disappeared from an ecosystem?

