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## All About the Praying Mantis

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The praying mantis's camouflage helps it avoid predators and sneak up on its prey, making it a very effective survivor.
2. The praying mantis is an effective hunter because it has strong legs for catching prey, excellent eyesight, and the patience to wait for the right moment to strike.
3. As a praying mantis, I would hide on a leaf, wait for a cricket to come close, and then use my powerful front legs to grab it quickly.
4. Without praying mantises, harmful insect populations might grow too large, damaging plants and disrupting the balance of the ecosystem.

