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How Does a Praying Mantis Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Moving slowly helps mantises avoid being seen by predators and allows them to sneak up on prey without being noticed.
2. The swaying movements make mantises look like leaves or branches moving in the wind, helping them stay camouflaged.
3. As a mantis, I would stay still on a branch and wait for an insect to come close. Then, I would strike quickly with my front legs to catch it.
4. Using different ways to move, like climbing, flying, and striking, helps mantises survive in many different environments and situations.

