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Praying Mantises and Their Relationships with Other Species

Short Answer Key

1. Praying mantises help control pests, keeping plants healthy in gardens.
2. Parasitic wasps lay eggs on or inside mantises, and the larvae feed on the mantis, often killing it.
3. Tiny spiders may live near mantises to eat leftover food scraps.
4. Mantises are solitary because they are independent hunters and don't need other species to survive.
5. Mantises eat harmful insects, reducing the need for chemical pesticides in gardens.

