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How Does a Raccoon Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Raccoon mothers spend so much time caring for their kits because the babies are completely dependent on them for survival and need to learn important skills.
2. The absence of the male raccoon means the mother has to take on all the responsibilities, which can be challenging but ensures the kits bond closely with her.
3. Young raccoons face challenges like finding food, avoiding predators, and establishing their own territory when they become independent.
4. Answers will vary. Example: "I would want to learn how raccoon mothers teach their kits survival skills because it would show how intelligent and resourceful they are."

