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How Does a Raccoon Communicate?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Raccoons have many ways to communicate because they need to share different types of information, such as warnings, emotions, and territorial claims.
2. Scent-based communication helps raccoons avoid danger by letting them know if another animal is nearby and whether it poses a threat.
3. Answers will vary. Example: "I find it interesting that mother raccoons use chirps and purring to guide and comfort their kits because it shows how much they care for their young."
4. Answers will vary. Example: "I would want to see how raccoons use their body language to warn each other of danger because it would be fascinating to watch them work together."

