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## How Does a Rabbit Reproduce?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Large litters help ensure that at least some kits survive, even if others are eaten by predators or don't make it to adulthood.
2. The short gestation period allows rabbits to have many litters in a year, which helps keep their population strong.
3. Kits might face challenges like avoiding predators, finding enough food, and staying safe as they explore outside the nest.
4. Rabbits care for their young by building nests and nursing them, while animals like birds use nests for protection and cats move their kittens to keep them safe. Both involve making sure the babies are fed and protected.

