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What Does a Squirrel Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Caching food helps squirrels survive in winter because it ensures they have a food supply when fresh food is scarce.
2. Squirrels are important to forests because they spread seeds and help new trees grow, supporting the ecosystem.
3. Squirrels use their sharp claws to climb trees and their strong teeth to crack open nuts and eat tough seeds.
4. Without preparing for winter, squirrels might struggle to find food, which could lead to hunger and difficulty surviving cold weather.

