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How Do Stick Insects Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Stick insects lay many eggs because not all will survive, ensuring that at least some of their offspring make it to adulthood.
2. Parthenogenesis allows stick insects to reproduce even when no males are present, helping the population survive in harsh conditions.
3. As a nymph, I might face challenges like avoiding predators, finding food, and surviving until I grow bigger and stronger.
4. Stick insects don't care for their young because the nymphs are instinctively prepared to find food and hide. Their camouflage and ability to stay still help them survive without parental care.

