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The Appearance of a Stink Bug

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The stink bug's shield-like shape and natural colors help it blend into its surroundings, making it harder for predators to spot.
2. The piercing-sucking mouthpart allows the stink bug to extract nutrients from plants, which is different from insects that chew.
3. Bright patterns or hidden colors may startle predators, giving the stink bug a chance to escape.
4. Without its strong smell, the stink bug might be more vulnerable to predators, as it would lose a key way to defend itself.

