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The Walking Leaf: A Master of Disguise and Relationships

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Camouflage is important because it helps walking leaf insects avoid predators by making them almost invisible in their environment.
2. Parasitic wasps lay their eggs inside walking leaf eggs, and the larvae eat the eggs, which helps the wasps grow but harms the walking leaf insects.
3. By blending into their environment, walking leaf insects challenge predators to improve their hunting skills, indirectly benefiting the predators.
4. Walking leaf insects show how everything in nature is connected through their roles in camouflage, predator-prey interactions, and parasitic relationships.

