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## The Life Cycle of Whales: From Birth to Adulthood

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The bond ensures the calf receives care, protection, and essential survival skills.
2. Pods provide safety from predators and opportunities for social learning.
3. Long lifespans allow whales to reproduce multiple times and maintain their role in the ecosystem.
4. Challenges include avoiding predators, finding food, and dealing with environmental threats like pollution.

