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Talking in Stripes: How Zebras Communicate

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Zebras use many ways to communicate because they need to stay connected, avoid predators, and build trust in their herds.
2. A zebra's warning bark can alert the entire herd to danger, giving them time to escape predators.
3. If zebras couldn't recognize each other's stripe patterns, they might struggle to stay connected in the herd, especially in crowded or dangerous situations.
4. Grooming helps zebras build stronger herds by showing affection, building trust, and keeping their coats clean.

