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## Stripes Under Threat: Predators and Dangers to Zebras

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Zebras' social behaviors, like taking turns watching for predators, help protect the herd and allow individuals to graze or rest safely.
2. Habitat loss is serious because it reduces zebras' access to food and water. Humans can help by preserving grasslands and creating protected areas.
3. Zebras stay healthy by dust bathing to remove parasites and staying in herds to avoid predators. This balance helps them survive in the wild.
4. If zebra predators disappeared, the ecosystem could become unbalanced, leading to overgrazing and problems for other species that rely on the same habitat.

