**Praying Mantis**

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| <p>Praying mantises can blend into leaves and other plants. Other types of mantises, like the orchid mantis, blend into beautiful flowers! This helps them surprise their food.</p> | Praying mantises can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into leaves and other plants. Other types of mantises, like the orchid mantis, blend into beautiful flowers. This helps them surprise their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| <p>Sometimes a mantis will attack creatures larger than itself, such as frogs, mice, or even small birds!</p> | Sometimes a mantis will attack creatures larger than itself, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or mice, or even small birds! |