

# Ecosystems: Beneficial and harmful relationships

Match the type of relationship to its meaning.

MUTUALISM

ONE SPECIES BENEFITS  
AND ONE SUFFERS

COMMENSALISM

BOTH SPECIES BENEFITS

PARASITISM

DIFFERENT SPECIES HAVE  
THE SAME NEEDS

COMPETITION

ONE SPECIES BENEFITS  
AND ONE IS UNAFFECTED

LOOK AT THE PICTURE, READ ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP AND SAY WHAT TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP IT IS. **MUTUALISM, COMMENSALISM, PARASITISM OR COMPETITION.**



Bees transport pollen attached to their bodies from one flower to another.

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Head lice live on the human scalp

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Snails and grasshoppers eat leaves and grass.

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Remoras neither harm  
nor benefit sharks.

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Bears eat blackberries.  
Blackberry seeds are  
dispersed in bear  
excrements.

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Fleas live on dogs and  
other animals.



Barnacles attach to  
whales for transport.

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Squirrels and dormice both have  
the same needs: food, shelter.

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