

Mutualism Practice Worksheet

Name: _____

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 In each scenario below, identify the two organisms and explain how both benefit.

Remember:

- **Mutualism = both organisms gain something positive (+/+)**

1. Bees visit flowers to drink nectar. While feeding, they spread pollen from flower to flower.

- Organisms: _____ and _____

- Benefit for each:

2. Clownfish live among the stinging tentacles of sea anemones, scaring away predators. The anemone protects the clownfish.

- Organisms: _____ and _____

- Benefit for each:

3. Oxpecker birds perch on the backs of zebras and eat the ticks off them.

- Organisms: _____ and _____

- Benefit for each:

4. Gut bacteria in humans help digest food while getting a safe home and nutrients.

- Organisms: _____ and _____

- Benefit for each:

5. Cleaner fish nibble parasites off larger fish.

- Organisms: _____ and _____

- Benefit for each:

✦ Challenge Question

Can you think of another example of mutualism? Write the two organisms and explain how each one benefits.
