

Parasitism Practice Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

👉 In each scenario below, identify the parasite and the host by writing the name of the organism next to its appropriate role in the relationship. Remember:

- **Parasite** = the one who benefits
 - **Host** = the one who is harmed
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1.

A tick latches onto a dog's skin and feeds on its blood.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

2.

A tapeworm lives inside a cow's intestines, absorbing nutrients.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

3.

A flea bites a cat and sucks its blood, causing itching.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

4.

A mistletoe plant grows on the branches of an oak tree, stealing water and nutrients.

- Parasite: _____

- Host: _____

5.

A mosquito lands on a human arm and drinks blood.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

6.

A leech attaches to a frog in a pond, feeding on its blood.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

7.

A roundworm infects a dog's digestive system.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

8.

A barn swallow carries lice that feed on its feathers and skin.

- Parasite: _____
- Host: _____

💡 Challenge Question

Can you think of **one more example** of parasitism in nature? Write the **parasite** and the **host**.

- Parasite: _____

- Host: _____