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Angelfish and Their Underwater Friendships

Short Answer Key

1. Mutualism is a relationship where both species benefit. Angelfish participate by cleaning parasites off larger fish, which keeps the larger fish healthy and provides food for the angelfish.
2. Parasites harm angelfish by feeding on their blood or scales, which can make the angelfish sick or weaker.
3. An example of commensalism is when small fish or shrimp follow angelfish to find food stirred up as the angelfish swims.
4. Saltwater angelfish benefit coral reefs by eating algae and small pests, keeping the reefs clean and healthy.
5. Angelfish are important to their ecosystem because they help control algae, clean larger fish, and contribute to the food chain.

