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Bass and Their Underwater Relationships

Short Answer Key

1. Parasites like leeches or worms attach to bass and feed on their blood or nutrients, harming the fish.
2. Smaller fish might eat leftover food from a bass, benefiting without harming the bass.
3. Cleaner fish remove parasites from bass, which keeps the bass healthy while giving the cleaner fish a meal.
4. Bass eat smaller fish, insects, and crayfish, keeping their populations from growing too large.
5. These relationships help keep the environment healthy by balancing populations and reducing disease.