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## Beetles and Their Relationships: Friends or Foes?

### Short Answer Key

1. Mutualism is when both species benefit. Beetles show mutualism by pollinating flowers or fertilizing soil while feeding.
2. Some beetles use ant or termite nests for protection and shelter without harming the ants or termites.
3. Blister beetle larvae sneak into bee hives and eat the food meant for the bees' young.
4. Mites attach to beetles and feed on them, which can weaken the beetles and make it harder for them to move.
5. These relationships show how animals and plants work together, keeping ecosystems balanced and healthy.

