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Does a Cheetah Form Relationships with Other Species?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Relationships can affect survival by helping cheetahs stay alert to danger or weakening them through parasitism.
2. Cheetahs may not form strong bonds because they rely on speed and stealth for hunting, which does not require cooperation.
3. Parasites can drain a cheetah's energy, making it harder to hunt effectively and weakening their immune system.
4. By keeping prey populations balanced, cheetahs help prevent overgrazing, which benefits the entire ecosystem.

