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The Clownfish and Its Amazing Relationships

Short Answer Key

1. Clownfish benefit by getting protection from predators within the sea anemone's tentacles.
2. Clownfish help clean their sea anemones by eating algae and leftover food.
3. It's mutualism because both the clownfish and the sea anemone help each other—one gets protection, and the other stays clean and safe from predators.
4. Clownfish eat plankton and small crustaceans, which helps prevent these creatures from overpopulating and harming coral reefs.
5. Human activities, like catching clownfish for aquariums and polluting the ocean, harm clownfish populations.