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## Do Deer Form Relationships with Other Species?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Mutualistic relationships help animals stay healthy and clean while providing food for other species.
2. Parasites can weaken a deer population by causing illness and spreading diseases.
3. If deer did not spread seeds, fewer plants would grow, affecting the entire ecosystem.
4. (Example) As a deer, I would graze in the morning while birds clean my fur. I might also spread seeds by eating fruits and leave the seeds behind in my waste.

