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Dragonflies and Their Relationships with Other Species

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Dragonflies don't form mutual relationships because they are mostly solitary hunters, and their main interactions are as predators or prey.
2. As a small insect, I could benefit from the dragonfly's hunting by catching tiny prey it disturbs while flying.
3. Parasites like water mites could weaken dragonflies, making them less effective at controlling pests or escaping predators, which might disrupt the food chain.
4. Protecting dragonflies helps maintain ecosystems because they control pests and provide food for other animals, even without mutual relationships.

