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Fireflies and Their Friends: Do Lightning Bugs Form Relationships?

Short Answer Key

1. Fireflies protect themselves by glowing to warn predators that they taste bad or might be toxic.
2. When a firefly mimics another species' flash pattern, it tricks the other firefly into coming closer so it can eat it.
3. Firefly larvae help ecosystems by eating pests like snails and slugs, which can damage plants.
4. No, fireflies do not have mutualistic relationships because their interactions with other species don't benefit both sides equally.
5. Frogs and birds are two predators that eat fireflies.

