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Foxes and Their Relationships with Other Species

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Foxes help balance the ecosystem by controlling rodent populations and providing shelter for smaller animals through abandoned dens.
2. Foxes help control rodents (positive) but can spread diseases through parasites (negative).
3. Humans can protect fox habitats by preserving forests, avoiding pesticide use, and creating wildlife corridors.
4. (Example journal entry): "Today, I observed a fox hunting near a forest edge. A magpie followed closely, picking up leftovers from the fox's meal. Later, I noticed a rabbit using an old fox den for shelter. Foxes play an important role in keeping the balance of the forest."

