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Do Giraffes Form Relationships with Other Species?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Mutualism helps animals stay healthy and safe. For example, oxpecker birds get food while keeping giraffes healthy.
2. Without oxpecker birds, giraffes might suffer from more tick bites, leading to infections and discomfort.
3. Giraffes' height allows them to spot predators and helps smaller animals stay safe.
4. Other mutualistic pairs include clownfish and sea anemones, where both protect and support each other.

