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Goldfish: Friends or Foes in the Water?

Short Answer Key

1. Goldfish have a commensal relationship with guppies or mollies because they live together without harming or benefiting each other.
2. Parasites like fish lice harm goldfish by feeding on their scales or blood, which can make the goldfish weak or sick.
3. Bottom-dwelling fish, like catfish, gain extra food by eating algae or leftovers from goldfish.
4. Commensalism is when one species benefits while the other is unaffected. Goldfish show this by living peacefully with other animals like snails or catfish.
5. Goldfish help the environment by eating algae and mosquito larvae, which keeps ponds clean and balanced.

