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Goldfish: Friends or Foes in the Water?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Goldfish may not form mutualistic relationships because they don't rely on other animals for survival, and their needs are met by their environment.
2. Parasites can weaken a goldfish by feeding on them, which may cause the goldfish to swim less, eat less, or become more vulnerable to predators.
3. In a goldfish pond, I would include peaceful species like snails and catfish to help clean the environment and avoid competition or harm.
4. Understanding goldfish relationships helps us care for them better and maintain healthy ecosystems by avoiding harmful or invasive species.

