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Keystone Species: Guardians of Ecosystems

Short Answer

1. Give an example of a keystone species and explain its role in its ecosystem.
2. Describe one consequence of removing a keystone species from an ecosystem.
3. Explain why keystone species are important for maintaining ecological balance.
4. How do wolves influence vegetation growth in Yellowstone National Park?
5. Discuss the relationship between sea otters and sea urchins in kelp forest ecosystems.

