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Do Hippopotamuses Form Relationships with Other Species?

Short Answer Key

1. Oxpeckers help hippos by eating parasites from their skin.
2. Barbel fish enter a hippo's mouth to clean food debris, which benefits both species.
3. An example of commensalism is turtles resting on a hippo without affecting it.
4. Parasitism involves a species, like a leech, harming the hippo by feeding on its blood.
5. Symbiotic relationships help balance the ecosystem by providing health benefits and reducing pests.

