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Do Hippopotamuses Form Relationships with Other Species?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Mutualism is important because it helps species support each other for survival.
2. A commensal relationship can give smaller animals protection and a safe resting spot.
3. Hippos might tolerate birds and fish because they help keep them clean and free of pests.
4. These relationships show how animals rely on each other, keeping the ecosystem balanced and healthy.

