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Houseflies and Their Unexpected Relationships

Short Answer Key

1. Houseflies spread diseases by carrying bacteria and viruses on their bodies and landing on food or surfaces.
2. Commensalism is when one species benefits, and the other is neither helped nor harmed. Houseflies benefit from food scraps near humans without directly harming them.
3. Houseflies carry pollen on their bodies while searching for food, which helps plants reproduce.
4. Spiders rely on houseflies as a food source.
5. Houseflies are important because they help pollinate plants, provide food for predators, and recycle waste.

