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Koi Fish and Their Relationships with Other Species

Short Answer Key

1. Mutualism is when two species help each other. Koi fish benefit when cleaner species eat parasites off their skin, keeping them healthy.
2. Water lilies help koi fish by providing shade and protection, keeping the water cool and safe.
3. Parasitism is when one species harms another. Parasites like fish lice harm koi fish by feeding on their skin or blood, causing irritation and sickness.
4. Predators like birds or raccoons hunt koi fish for food, which can be dangerous for koi living in shallow ponds.
5. Cleaner species are important because they eat parasites and algae, keeping koi fish clean and the pond healthy.

