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## Do Otters Form Relationships with Other Species?

### Short Answer Key

1. Mutualism is when both species benefit. Otters contribute by eating sea urchins, which protects kelp forests and benefits other marine animals.
2. Fish benefit by eating scraps of food left behind by otters while hunting.
3. Parasites from contaminated water or food can make otters sick, harming their health.
4. Otters control sea urchin populations, preventing the destruction of kelp forests, which are home to many species.
5. Humans protect otters by reducing pollution, creating conservation programs, and protecting their habitats.

