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Do Rhinoceroses Form Relationships with Other Species?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The relationship between rhinos and oxpeckers is mutualism because the rhino gets rid of pests, and the oxpecker gets food and protection.
2. Without oxpeckers, rhinos might suffer more from ticks and flies, leading to greater discomfort and possibly health problems.
3. If rhinos disappeared, smaller animals might lose the trails rhinos create, making it harder for them to move through their environment.
4. As a scientist, I would use binoculars, tracking devices, and cameras to observe rhinos and their interactions with other species.

