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Does a Squirrel Form Relationships with Other Species?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Squirrels likely forget where they bury their food because they gather a lot, and it's hard to remember all the locations. This benefits the environment by planting new trees.
2. Squirrels don't benefit directly from fleas and ticks, but they may help spread these parasites to other areas, though it harms their health.
3. Squirrels help their environment by dispersing seeds, which helps new plants grow, and by serving as prey for predators, helping balance the food chain.
4. The squirrel's relationship with other species is important because it helps spread seeds, provides food for predators, and maintains the balance of the ecosystem.

