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Worms and Their Relationships with Other Species

Short Answer Key

1. Worms help plants in a mutualistic relationship by improving soil quality and recycling nutrients.
2. In commensalism, smaller insects or microbes may use worm tunnels for shelter without harming the worms.
3. Tapeworms are parasitic worms that live inside animals, taking nutrients and sometimes causing illnesses.
4. Marine worms clean up dead plants and animals on the ocean floor, helping maintain a balanced environment.
5. Worms are important because they recycle nutrients, improve soil, and support plants and other animals.

