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## Worms and Their Relationships with Other Species

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Worms have different relationships because they interact with various species in their environments, playing roles as helpers, food sources, or hosts.
2. Without worms to recycle nutrients, soil quality would decline, making it harder for plants to grow and affecting the entire ecosystem.
3. Commensalism allows smaller insects to benefit from worm tunnels without harming the worms, giving them a safe habitat.
4. Humans can protect worms by reducing pesticide use, planting gardens, and preserving natural habitats where worms thrive.

