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Symbiotic Relationships - Summary Assessment

Directions: Fill in the blank spaces with the correct response.

Ostriches and Gazelles (_____ - Good / _____)

Ostriches and gazelles eat next to each other. They both watch for danger.

Cuckoos and Warblers (Parasitism - _____ / _____)

A cuckoo bird will kill the Warbler bird's eggs and lay its' own eggs in the warbler's nest. The Warbler will then take care of the cuckoo eggs.

Mistletoe and _____ trees (Parasitism - Good / Bad)

The Mistletoe plant takes water and nutrients from the _____ tree as it grows in up through the tree branches.

Oxpeckers and Rhinoceroses (Mutualism - Good / _____)

The Oxpecker bird gets a free _____ when it eats the Ticks that drink the Rhinoceros' blood.

Remoras and _____ (_____ - Good / Neutral)

A remora fish attaches itself to a shark so it can eat the scraps of food left by the shark. It does not harm the shark when it attaches

Wrasse and _____ (Mutualism - Good / _____)

A wrasse fish gets a free dinner by eating the blood-sucking bugs that are on the bass fish's body.

_____ and Whales (Commensalism - Good / Neutral)

_____ attach themselves to whales so they can get a free meal, by eating small animals in the water, as the whale swims around the ocean.

Fleas and Mouse (_____ - Good / Bad)

A flea hooks onto a mouse and drinks the mouse's blood.

Bison and Cowbirds (_____ - Good / _____)

A bison walks through the grass, making _____ fly up in the air. The cowbird follows the bison and eats the bugs.

Maribou Storks and Bees (_____ - Good / _____)

The stork uses its sharp beak to cut up the dead animals it eats.

Afterwards, _____ come along and lay their eggs in the dead meat so they can hatch.

Hermit Crabs and Shells (_____ - Good / _____)

Hermit crabs live in snail shells that the snails have left behind.

Honey Guide birds and Badgers (_____ - Good / Good)

Honey Guide birds show the badgers where the beehives are.

The _____ rip open the hives and eat the delicious honey. Afterwards, the Honey Guide birds eat.

Ticks and Deer (_____ - Good / _____)

Ticks hook onto deer and drink their blood.

Silverfish and Ants (_____ - Good / Neutral)

Silverfish bugs live and hunt with army ants. They share the prey.

Yucca flowers and Yucca moths (Mutualism - _____ / _____)

Yucca flowers are _____ by yucca moths. The moths lay their eggs in the flowers and the eggs hatch. The larvae eat some of the seeds and spread them around.