

LESSON 5: Plant/Animal Interactions

Exploration: EcoPartner Matching

In your groups, you will do a matching activity. Read the description on the back of ALL the picture cards. Find pairs of living things that need each other. **Match all the cards!** After you match all the cards, **choose one pair** and answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think this pair goes together? _____

2. How are both living things helped by this relationship? _____

Vocabulary:

Interactions A joint activity involving two or more living things. In the examples we are looking at today, both living things benefit from the interaction.

Mutualism A special type of interaction between two living things where **both** benefit from their relationship. This is the type of interaction you explored today.

Learning Activity: I Need You!

In your groups, you are going to create two imaginary living things **that benefit each other**. Be creative and have fun. Your two *living things* can live anywhere. They might live in the water, in the sky or on the land. Draw a picture of your *living things*. Use your imagination! Be ready to explain your creation:

- What are the names of your two *living things*?
- What is their relationship?
- How do they help each other?