

Symbiosis Study Guide

- Explain how organisms interact through symbiotic, commensal, and parasitic relationships.
- Symbiotic relationships are classified as interspecific relationships within an ecosystem as either mutualism, commensalism, or parasitism
- Understand that the word interdependence means that organisms rely on other organisms for survival.
- Symbiosis is a relationship between two organisms.
- Mutualism (or mutualistic) relationships are when two organisms are both benefited.
Example: A hummingbird getting nectar from a flower.
- Commensalism is when one species is benefited and the other is not harmed or benefited.
Example: An orchid growing in a tree.
- Parasitism is when one species benefits and the other is harmed.
Example: A tick on a dog.