

THE FEELING IS MUTUAL!

Everyone enjoys a good time. When we all get along, we feel healthy and happy! All living things interact within their environment one way or another for the same reasons. Mutualism is a type of relationship where two organisms benefit and no one is harmed.



Clownfish live within the stinging **anemone** and are protected by a thick mucus layer which protects them from being stung. In return for a safe and protective home, the clownfish helps the anemone by cleaning up, providing nutrients, and scaring away predatory fish such as the butterfly fish.

Believe it or not some **small birds** are not afraid of the **crocodile's** large mouth! The bird will get its food from the leftovers in the crocodile's teeth. Guess what? The crocodile gets its teeth cleaned by the bird!



Bees feed on the nectar and pollen of flowers. The nectar is used by bees as food and an energy source to get to and from their home. As bees visit plants seeking food, pollen catches on their bodies and passes between plants helping them to grow.

Remoras are fish that attach themselves to some shark species and **Pilot Fish** swim alongside some shark species. Both are able to eat scraps of prey dropped by the shark. In return for an easy meal they will also feed off of parasites on the shark's skin and in its mouth, helping to keep the shark clean and healthy.

