

In Class Activity Sheet – Underwater Symbiosis

You're the scientist! Today we want you to help our CCMI scientist spot symbiotic relationships on the reef. When you think you see a symbiotic relationship, decide if it is: mutualism (where both organisms benefit), commensalism (where one organism benefits and one remains unaffected), or parasitism (where one organism benefits and the other suffers). Below are some examples of underwater symbiosis; however, there are many more to discover! When you spot a symbiotic relationship, using the cut-out faces below, decide if it is mutualism, commensalism, or parasitism by placing the correct cut-out over that relationship. Be sure to ask our scientist if you think you have spotted a new example of symbiosis or have any questions! Thanks for your help; enjoy the dive!



grouper and cleaner gobies



bar jack and southern stingray



soldierfish and isopod



corals and zooxanthellae



shrimp and anemone



damselfish and coral

