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When two organisms depend on each other for survival, we call it interdependence.

Whom do you need?

Who needs you?

Do you depend on each other?



I need you; you need me.

We're like flowering plants and bees.

We help each other by making a trade.

By depending on each other, we've got it made.

Pet kittens need a caregiver to feed them.



The caregiver receives affection from the kitten.

Organisms, or living things, depend on nonliving and living things for survival. Survival means to live or stay alive.

If you look at the word *depend*, you will find the word *need* spelled backward. Just remove one letter *d* and the letter *p*.



Clown fish and their offspring need sea anemones to provide shelter and protection with their poisonous tendrils.



clown fish
offspring

Sea anemones need clown fish to help protect them from other organisms that would eat them.

The monarch butterfly needs milkweed for nourishment.



Milkweed needs the monarch butterfly to spread its pollen.

The cow needs ticks removed from its body.
The egret removes the ticks.



Some birds need seeds for food.



The egret needs ticks and small insects to eat.
When the cow moves around, the egret can see
ticks and insects in the grass.

Plants need those birds to carry their seeds to new
areas to grow.