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Plants and animals are partners. They help each other live.
Plants can be homes for animals.
Many animals live in trees.
Birds build nests in branches.
Chipmunks make homes in tree roots.



Plants help keep animals safe.
A rabbit can hide in tall grass.
A bug can hide on a leaf.
A deer can hide near the trees in a forest.



- Plants can also keep animals dry.
 Some birds sit under leaves during a storm.
 Then the rain will not soak their feathers.
- Butterflies hide under leaves when it rains.
 They do not want to get rain on their wings.



 Plants also make food for animals.
 Some animals, such as sheep, eat only plants.
 Plants give these animals all the food they need.



- Bees take a sweet drink from flowers.
 - They fly to their hive with the drink.
- Then they use the sweet drink to make honey.



- When bees take the sweet drink, they also take grains of pollen. They spread the pollen to other flowers.
 - Pollen helps the flowers make seeds.



Some plants need animals to spread their seeds.
 Then new plants can grow.
 Some seeds are inside tasty fruit.
 The animals eat the fruit.
 Then they drop the seeds on the ground.



 Squirrels dig holes for acorns.
 They plan to come back and eat them later.
 Sometimes they forget!
 Then the acorns grow into trees.



Animals can't live without plants.
 Plants can't live without animals.
 Plants and animals make
 a great team!

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