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Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details

Read the passage: Recycling is one way people can help protect the environment. Every day, people throw away items like plastic bottles, paper, and cans. When these items are recycled, they are turned into new products instead of ending up in landfills. This helps reduce pollution and saves space in trash dumps. Recycling also helps save energy. For example, making new cans from used aluminum takes less energy than making them from fresh materials. Many schools and cities now have recycling programs to make it easier for people to recycle.

Another way people help the planet is by reusing items. Instead of throwing away jars or bags, people can use them again. Reusing items means fewer new things need to be made, which also saves resources and energy. Both recycling and reusing are important steps toward taking care of the Earth.



Answer the questions:

1. What is the main idea of the **first paragraph**?
2. List **three** supporting details from the first paragraph.
3. What is the main idea of the **second paragraph**?
4. What is one way reusing items helps the environment?
5. How are recycling and reusing similar?
6. What are two examples of items that can be reused?
7. Why do you think schools and cities encourage recycling?