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Main Idea Line Answer Key

Correct Answer: Sentence 2 → *"Recycling helps reduce the amount of waste by turning old items into new materials."*

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Why sentence 2?** It introduces the central idea that explains the *overall purpose and importance of recycling*.
- Other sentences are **supporting details** giving examples of recycling benefits.
- Sentence 7 feels like a strong conclusion, but it summarizes rather than introduces the central point.
- Encourage students to notice that the **topic sentence usually sets up the examples that follow**.