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The Journey Of A Can Answer Key

1. C - It's sorted and cleaned.
2. D - It helps reduce pollution.
3. B - The journey of a can from trash to new use.
4. Recycling aluminum helps the environment by saving energy and keeping cans out of landfills, which reduces waste and pollution.
5. The cause is that people recycle aluminum instead of throwing it away; the effect is that less energy is used, and the planet stays cleaner and healthier.

Teacher's Guide

- Read the passage aloud first, pausing to highlight **sequence words** (first, next, then).
- Model identifying **cause and effect** (e.g., "Because cans are recycled → less waste is created").
- Discuss how recycling relates to students' daily choices.

Differentiation Strategies:

- **Grades 1-2:** Simplify vocabulary and focus on sequencing ("What happens first, next, last?").
- **Grades 3-6:** Emphasize key details and transition words.
- **Grades 7-9:** Extend discussion to compare energy savings across different materials.
- **Grades 10-12:** Have students research the economics of recycling aluminum.

Engagement & Extension Ideas:

- Take a "**Recycling Detective**" walk around the school to identify recyclable items.
- Host a "**Recycled Art Day**" where students create crafts using recyclable materials.