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## Backing Up Claims

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. The **claims** the author is making are listed as follows. Then, find and list **supporting evidence** from the passage that backs up each claim. Evidence can include **facts, statistics, or examples**.

### The Benefits of Recycling

Recycling is one of the most effective ways individuals can help protect the environment. When people recycle paper, fewer trees need to be cut down, which helps preserve forests and wildlife habitats. Recycling metals and plastics reduces the need to dig up raw materials, which saves energy and lowers pollution. In fact, recycling aluminum cans uses about 95% less energy than making new cans from raw materials. Communities that recycle also produce less trash, which means landfills fill up more slowly. Some studies show that cities with strong recycling programs save money on waste management costs. While recycling alone cannot solve all environmental problems, it is a practical step everyone can take to make a difference.

**Claim #1:** Recycling protects the environment.

- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Claim #2:** Recycling saves energy.

- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Claim #3:** Recycling reduces waste in landfills.

- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Claim #4:** Recycling can save communities money.

- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
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