

# The Topic Sentence

Step 1: Establish Broad Topic

**recycling**

Step 2: Establish limit subject using brainstorming technique.

**refund deposits for glass and plastic items**

Step 3: Create topic sentence for paragraph based on limited subject.

**Using a refund deposit on glass and plastic items would encourage recycling.**

Step 4: Add backup information which confirms topic sentence.

**Using a refund deposit on glass and plastic items would encourage recycling. Already such states as IA, CA, and MN have successful refund programs. When residents in these states turn in glass and plastic items to recycle centers, they receive cash as a reward.**

Alternative topic sentence placement:

States such as IA, CA, and MN have successful refund deposits for specified items. When residents in these areas of the country turn in aluminum or water bottles to various recycle centers, they receive cash. **Apparently, a nationwide refund deposit program on glass and plastic items would encourage more recycling and motivate people to care about their individual communities.**