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The previous paragraph can be outlined as follows:

- I. The Road Runner and the Speed Demon differ in cost of maintenance.
 - A. The Road Runner is rather expensive to maintain.
 1. Mileage
 2. Tune-ups
 3. Oil changes
 4. Average cost of maintenance
 - B. The Speed Demon is economical to maintain.
 1. Mileage
 2. Tune-ups
 3. Oil changes
 4. Average cost of maintenance

Because the paragraph is rather long, it is even possible to break it into two paragraphs, with two controlling ideas: (1) "The Road Runner is rather expensive to maintain" and (2) "The Speed Demon, on the other hand, is quite economical."

EXERCISE 4 WRITING Study the information below about the Road Runner and the Speed Demon. Write a controlling idea about the difference in comfort. Then write a paragraph comparing and contrasting the comfort of the two cars.

The Road Runner

Interior

Spacious; ample head and leg room in both front and back. Two people can sit comfortably in the front and three in the back.

Seats

Although the seats are large, they are vinyl and get hot in the summer.

Cooling and heating

The air conditioner does not cool the back seat area; the heater is effective.

The Speed Demon

Interior

Tight; ample head and leg room in front but cramped in the back. Two people can fit comfortably in front, but only two can sit comfortably in back.

Seats

Leather seats are cool in the summer and pleasant all year round.

Cooling and heating

Excellent air-conditioning and heating system. The air conditioner cools the entire car rapidly; the heater is equally effective.