

READING

1 **BEFORE YOU READ** Look at the photos. Where are the greenest places in your country?

WHERE ARE THE

GREENEST PLACES

ON THE PLANET?

All over the world, there are problems with climate change and air pollution, but there is also lots of GOOD NEWS.

-  **Vancouver, Canada**, is the greenest city in North America. Almost all of the city's electricity is from **renewable sources**, including **hydroelectric dams** and wind power. They also encourage local food production, so less food comes from other parts of the world by plane or ship.
-  **Curitiba, Brazil**, is possibly the greenest city in South America. There are more than 400 square kilometers of **green space**. There is also a very good transportation system, and most people travel by bus.
-  **China** produces more wind power than any other country. The largest **onshore wind farm** in the world is in Gansu Province in northwest China. China also has more **electric buses** than any other country, and the city of **Shenzhen** has the most of any city—more than 16,000.
-  The largest numbers of people using public transportation are, of course, in the world's biggest cities. Eight million passengers a day take the subway in **Seoul**. Even more people use the **Tokyo urban rail system**—8.66 million!
-  **Copenhagen, Denmark** is the most bike-friendly city in the world. Nearly half of the city's workers bike to work. There are nearly 400 kilometers of **bike lanes**, including a 20-kilometer Cycle Super Highway.



electric bus



bike lane

onshore wind farm

2  Read the article. Match the places with the green ideas.

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| 1. Seoul / Tokyo ☐ | ☐ a. more electric buses than any other city |
| 2. Shenzhen ☐ | ☐ b. a special highway for bikers |
| 3. Copenhagen ☐ | ☐ c. more local food production |
| 4. Vancouver ☐ | ☐ d. most people using public transportation |