

## 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**.

- ➊ **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.
- ➋ **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.
- ➌ **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.
- ➍ 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!
- ➎ **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.



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

1. Seoul / Tokyo	<input type="radio"/>	a. more electric buses than any other city
2. Shenzhen	<input type="radio"/>	b. a special highway for bikers
3. Copenhagen	<input type="radio"/>	c. more local food production
4. Vancouver	<input type="radio"/>	d. most people using public transportation



### The Superlative Earth!

1 Wellington, New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	a the largest population
2 Cairo, Egypt	<input type="checkbox"/>	b the biggest ocean
3 China	<input type="checkbox"/>	c the largest island
4 Russia	<input type="checkbox"/>	d the highest capital city
5 the Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/>	e the largest country
6 Angel Falls, Venezuela	<input type="checkbox"/>	f the most southern capital city
7 Greenland	<input type="checkbox"/>	g the largest city in Africa
8 La Paz, Bolivia	<input type="checkbox"/>	h the highest waterfall



Wellington, New Zealand