

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