

## 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.

- 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 <input type="radio"/>
2. Shenzhen <input type="radio"/>	b. a special highway for bikers <input type="radio"/>
3. Copenhagen <input type="radio"/>	c. more local food production <input type="radio"/>
4. Vancouver <input type="radio"/>	d. most people using public transportation <input type="radio"/>