

# UNIT 1

## Is Tokyo Anything Like Los Angeles?

Comparison (比較)



### 1. PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

◀ **Warm-Up** ▶ 次の質問に答えてから、互いに話し合ってみましょう。

- (1) アメリカ西海岸と聞いて、連想する街はどこですか。
- (2) ロサンゼルスを訪れたことはありますか。
- (3) ロサンゼルスと東京に共通点があるとしたらどんな点だと思いますか。

◀ **Vocabulary Hint** ▶ 日本語に合うように、次の語群から適語を選びなさい。

common minorities different immigrants similar

- (1) Tokyo and Los Angeles are ( ) in some ways, ( ) in many others.  
東京とロサンゼルスは、いくつかの類似した点もあればそうでない点もたくさんある。
- (2) The two cities have a lot in ( ).  
二つの都市には多くの共通点がある。
- (3) Los Angeles is a city of ( ) and ( ).  
ロサンゼルスは少数民族と移民の街である。

## 2. IN-READING ACTIVITIES

### パラグラフの展開と読解のポイント Comparison

比較 (comparison) とは、ある事柄を別な事柄と比べることによって、両者の相違点を明確にしていく方法です。ここでは二つの大都市について書かれています。同じ都市でも中身は違うようです。二つを比較しながら読み進めてみましょう。



### ◀ Whole-Task ▶

**1** Tokyo and Los Angeles are similar in some ways, different in many others. The two cities have a lot in common. They are both cosmopolitan ports on the Pacific Ocean. Both have tall buildings, freeways, and thousands of neon signs. Baseball and American rock music are very popular in both cities. They also share many of the same problems: too many cars on the freeways, air pollution, and the possibility of earthquakes.

1  
ここでとりあげられている二大都市はどこですか。

**2** Now let's look at three of the main differences: their people, transportation and weather. Los Angeles is a city of minorities and immigrants. More than half of its inhabitants are minorities: Hispanic Americans, Black Americans, Asian Americans, and immigrants. Mexicans, Central Americans, Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, Vietnamese, and other Asians make up the largest groups of immigrants and refugees. Many of these people are still learning English. In contrast, Tokyo has almost no minorities. Many foreigners live there, but most of them are not immigrants. Tokyo's public transportation is much better than L.A.'s.

2  
どちらの都市の方が移民は多いですか。

**3** Although Los Angeles has an excellent system of freeways, it does not have a subway, and the buses are very slow. In contrast, Tokyo probably has the best system of railroad, subway, and bus lines in the world. About twenty million people use it every day.

3  
交通機関はどちらの都市の方が発達していますか。

**4** Neither city has a bad climate, but most people agree that L.A.'s weather is more pleasant. L.A. is drier and sunnier than Tokyo. Winters in Tokyo are cool, but snow is quite rare. Summers there are hot and humid. In contrast, L.A. has mild, sunny winters and hot summers. Spring and fall are the most comfortable seasons in both cities.

4  
気候はどちらの都市の方が快適だと思われていますか。

**5** Tourists love to come to both cities and not just because there is a Disneyland near each of them!

5  
観光客の反応はどうですか。

(296 words, Robert Maple, *New Wave 2*, Longman, 1993)

**Notes** \_\_\_\_\_

cosmopolitan 「国際的な」 freeway 「高速道路」 pollution 「汚染」 transportation 「交通機関」 inhabitant 「住民」 refugee 「難民」 climate 「気候」 rare 「まれ」 humid 「湿気の多い」

◀ **Comprehension** ▶ テープを聞いて下線に適語を入れましょう。また、東京とロサンゼルス両方の都市にあてはまる文に **True** をつけましょう。

- (1) (    ) It is a port on the Pacific \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) (    ) Many people who live there like to listen to American \_\_\_\_\_ music.
- (3) (    ) Air pollution is a \_\_\_\_\_ there.
- (4) (    ) Fifty percent of the people who live there are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) (    ) People who live there are \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants.
- (6) (    ) It has the \_\_\_\_\_ system of railroads.
- (7) (    ) Summers are hot and \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. POST-READING ACTIVITIES**

◀ **Information Focus** ▶ 本文に合うように、質問の答えを選びましょう。

- (1) What is compared in this article?
  - (a) Two cities.
  - (b) Two countries.
  - (c) Two states.
- (2) From which points does the article compare the two places?
  - (a) Weather.
  - (b) People, weather and transportation.
  - (c) People, arts and weather.

- (3) The article says:
- (a) Tourists like Los Angeles better.
  - (b) Tourists like Tokyo better.
  - (c) Tourists like both cities.

◀ **Paragraph Summary** ▶ 次の日本語は本文の各パラグラフの要約です。それぞれに該当するパラグラフの番号をつけましょう。

- ( ) 居住者事情
- ( ) 交通機関
- ( ) 両都市の共通点
- ( ) 気候
- ( ) 観光客の反応

#### 4. FINISHING TOUCH

▶ A 群と B 群に記されている内容が互いに関連するものを、本文を参考にしながら線で結びましょう。

- | A  | B                           |
|--|-----------------------------|
| (1) Minority groups in America                   | • (a) subway                |
| (2) Public transportation in Tokyo               | • (b) North Americans       |
| (3) Comfortable seasons in Los Angeles and Tokyo | • (c) spring                |
|  | • (d) freeway               |
|  | • (e) summer                |
|  | • (f) Vietnamese in America |

#### Let's Have One More Try!

次の都市に住む人たちを何と呼ぶのでしょうか。下の空欄にそれぞれ1文字補って居住者を表す言葉を完成しましょう。

都市	居住者
Paris	Paris( )an
Boston	Bostoni( )n
New York	New Yorke( )
Tokyo	Tokyo( )te
Los Angeles	Los Angel( )no