Both *List*and *Set* are members of Java *Collections*. However, there are a few important differences:

* A *List* can contain duplicates, but a *Set* can't
* A *List* will preserve the order of insertion, but a *Set* may or may not
* Since insertion order may not be maintained in a *Set*, it doesn't allow index-based access as in the *List*

Please note that there are a few implementations of the *Set*interface which maintain order, for example, *LinkedHashSet*.