



NATURE AND SEASONS, podcast 2

Tema: Camping.

Descripción: 2 jóvenes que están de campamento.

Lorena: Hey, I'm Lorena, where are you from?

Lisa: I'm Lisa, I'm from England.

Lorena: Nice to meet you. We are going for a walk to that hill today. Do you want to come with us?

Lisa: Sure, that's a great idea

Lorena: This is one of my favorite places in the south of Chile. That big river is called: Bío Bío. It starts very high up in the mountains in a lagoon called Icalma at 1.350 meters above sea level.

Lisa: WOW! It's so beautiful. [PAUSE] What are those trees called? I've never seen them before.

Lorena: Those are the famous "Araucarias." They are native trees here. They can reach a height of 30 to 80 m. The horizontal, spreading branches grow in whorls and are covered with leathery or needle-like leaves.

Lisa: Hmmm, interesting. I don't remember ever seeing any similar trees on my travels.

Lorena: Araucaria Araucana. The genus is named after the Arauco Indians of central Chile and south-west Argentina, where it is known as the Pehuén. The Native Americans, who name themselves the Pehuenche ('people of the Pehuén'), harvest the seeds extensively for food.

Lisa: What kind of food can you prepare with them?

Lorena: Well, I know that the Indians, the pehuenches, used to make different meals with it, but mainly they dry them, and mash them into some kind of flour to bake bread. Now you can still get some of the "pehuen" at the local supermarket. I like eating them.

Lisa: I definitely want to try it!

Lorena: Did you bring a thick jacket? Even though we are in the middle of summer, it gets very cold in the afternoon. The forest and the high trees make this place very cool. They have been here for thousands years. Those trees over there are also protected species. They are raulí, mañío, robles and coigues.

Lisa: It's so beautiful, I'm taking some amazing pictures to send to my friends. Thanks a lot for the invitation.