

# BEFORE YOU READ THIS BOOK

Look at the map. It shows the Island of **Chiloé**.

It is the second largest island in South America. It is around 180 kilometres long, from north to south, and about 50 kilometres wide, from east to west.

The name of the island comes from the word “*chille*” - which is a small bird called ‘*seagull*’, and the word “*hue*”, which means ‘*place of*’. The original name was “*Chillihue*”, and then changed to “*Chilhue*”, to finally the short version Chiloé.

The island is very close to Puerto Montt.



## What do you know about Chiloé Island?

Write three ideas on the lines below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Many people know Chiloé Island for its myths and legends.

What myths and/or legends do you know from Chiloé? Make a list. Then compare it with your partner's.

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## WHAT IS A MYTH AND A LEGEND?

Read the definitions below and write the word *“myth”* or *“legend”* on the space provided, according to the descriptions

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*“A traditional story told from generation to generation that many people believe, but they cannot prove it is true”.*

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*“An ancient traditional story about gods, heroes and magic that tries to explain the origins of some people or to explain some natural or social phenomenon”.*



Show me what you know...

I. Write the name of the corresponding land form under each picture.  
Use the words from the box

river    desert    sea    volcano    island    hill    archipelago



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II. Which of the landforms in exercise I can you find in Chiloé?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Now, read the following myth. It is a creation myth. It explains the origins of Chiloé. Identify the landforms in the text.



## READING ACTIVITIES

### A. Answer these questions:

1. Who were the Pillanes?
2. What did Cai Cai take care of?
3. What did Ten Ten take care of?
4. What happened when Cai Cai hit the water with its fish tail?
5. How did Ten Ten help human beings?
6. What did Ten Ten do when Cai Cai commanded the sea to keep rising?
7. Who is in charge of the oceans now according to the myth?



### B. Choose the correct alternative:

1. Peripillán and Antu punished their sons for this reason:
  - a) They disobeyed them
  - b) They were not so good
  - c) They had snakes
  - d) They hurt human beings
2. Human beings were protected by...
  - a) Ten Ten Vilú
  - b) Cai Cai Vilú
  - b) Peripillán
  - d) Antu
3. Cai Cai wanted to destroy humans because...
  - a) They were adversaries
  - b) they tried to escape
  - b) He woke up from its sleep
  - d) They didn't thank the sea
4. Why did Ten Ten help humans? Because...
  - a) They called for his help
  - b) Cai Cai was his enemy
  - c) His father told him to
  - d) He saw desperate animals

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5. How did Ten Ten save the people?

I. He commanded the sea to keep rising

II. He took them to the top of the hills.

III. He raised the level of the hills.

IV. He turned people into birds.

a) I and II      b) I, II and IV      c) I, III and IV      d) II, III and IV

**C. Write the number of the character in column A on the blank space next to the action they did in column B.**

A		B
1. The Pillanes	_____	ordered the sea to rise.
2. Peripillán	_____	is in charge of the ocean nowadays
3. Antu	_____	turned his son into Ten Ten Vilú
4. Ten Ten Vilú	_____	punished their sons.
5. Cai Cai Vilú	_____	turned his son into Ten Ten Vilú
6. Millalobo	_____	saved the people.

**D. Find a word in the text that means the same as:**

1. Very big \_\_\_\_\_
2. People \_\_\_\_\_
3. Enemies \_\_\_\_\_
4. Inundation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Afraid \_\_\_\_\_
6. To die under water \_\_\_\_\_
7. A group of islands \_\_\_\_\_
8. Going up \_\_\_\_\_
9. Create \_\_\_\_\_
10. Responsible for \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Put the following statements in the correct order according to the text. Write the letter on the spaces below.**

- a) The water flooded all the land.
- b) The sons of the Pillanes turned into giant snakes.
- c) The archipelago was created.
- d) The people who were not saved became marine species.
- e) The level of the water went up.
- f) Ten Ten helped the people.
- g) Cai Cai Vilú started a fight.

1.\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_ 7.\_\_\_\_