Spanish in Nicaragua Video Transcripts

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"Buying an Iguana"

Spanish transcript:

"Comprador: Mire señora, ¿a cómo tiene las iguanas?

Vendedor: Ésas valen 50.

Comprador: ¿50? ¡Ideay! ¿y otras más baratas?

Vendedor: ¿Ésta a 40 y 45.

Comprador: ¿Tiene huevo? ¿Cuáles son las que tienen huevo?

Vendedor: Ésta vale 40.

Comprador: Ajá, ésa está buena. Me va a vender ésa.

Vendedor: ¿Ésta?"

English translation:

"Customer: Madame, how much are the iguanas?

Vendor: Those cost 50.

Customer: 50? Hmmm…and is the other one a little bit cheaper?

Vendor: This one is 40 and 45.

Customer: Does it have eggs? Which ones have eggs?

Vendor: This one costs 40.

Customer: Hmm, that one is very good. Give me that one.

Vendor: This one?"

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