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permission.
Hay un tigre grande. Hay un tigre pequeño.
Hay dos tigres.
Hay una mano grande. Hay una mano pequeña. Hay dos manos.
Hay caballos,

vacas,

carros,

y barcos,
elefantes,
tigres,
árboles,
y manos.

Hay flores también, y perros buenos.

Todos son grandes y todos pequeños.
A Guide for Parents and Educators

**Grande y pequeño**

- Uses vibrant photographs to make the meaning of Spanish words clear.

**As you read**

- Point to the pictures that correspond to what you are saying.
- Use gestures to reinforce the meaning of the words *grande* and *pequeño*.
- Once your child is familiar with the words *grande* and *pequeño*, ask ¿Dónde está el carro grande? ¿Dónde está el carro pequeño? (Where is the big car? Where is the small car?)
- Use phrases like these:
  - ¡Qué perro tan grande (pequeño)! / What a big (small) dog!
  - ¡Ese árbol es muy pequeño (grande)! / That tree is very small (big)!
  - ¿Cuántos caballos hay? / How many horses are there?
  - Vamos a contarlos. / Let’s count them.
  - Uno, dos – Hay dos caballos. / One, two – There are two horses.

**Language notes**

- The word *hay* is a verb that means both *there is* and *there are*.
- The words *grande* and *pequeño* are adjectives. In Spanish, adjectives commonly follow the word they describe: un barco pequeño / a small boat.
- Adjectives agree with the object they describe in gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural).
  - una vaca pequeña / a small cow (*pequeña* is feminine and singular to agree with *vaca*)
  - Adjectives that end in –e, like *grande*, do not show gender. These words do show number. They will always end in –e (singular) or –es (plural).
    - un caballo grande / a big horse
    - una vaca grande / a big cow
    - dos vacas grandes / two big cows
  - The word *mano* is a feminine noun. It is an exception to the rule that feminine nouns end in –a: una mano pequeña / a small hand.

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Hay un perro grande. Hay un perro pequeño.
Hay dos perros. / There is a big dog. There is a small dog. There are two dogs.

Hay un barco grande. Hay un barco pequeño.
Hay dos barcos. / There is a big boat. There is a small boat. There are two boats.

Hay un elefante grande. Hay un elefante pequeño.
Hay dos elefantes. / There is a big elephant. There is a small elephant. There are two elephants.

Hay una flor grande. Hay una flor pequeña.
Hay dos flores. / There is a big flower. There is a small flower. There are two flowers.

Hay un caballo grande. Hay un caballo pequeño.
Hay dos caballos. / There is a big horse. There is a small horse. There are two horses.

Hay un árbol grande. Hay un árbol pequeño.
Hay dos árboles. / There is a big tree. There is a small tree. There are two trees.

Hay un tigre grande. Hay un tigre pequeño.
Hay dos tigres. / There is a big tiger. There is a small tiger. There are two tigers.

Hay un carro grande. Hay un carro pequeño.
Hay dos carros. / There is a big car. There is a small car. There are two cars.

Hay una vaca grande. Hay una vaca pequeña.
Hay dos vacas. / There is a big cow. There is a small cow. There are two cows.

Hay una mano grande. Hay una mano pequeña.
Hay dos manos. / There is a big hand. There is a small hand. There are two hands.

Hay caballos, vacas, carros y barcos, / There are horses, cows, cars and boats, elefantes, tigres, árboles y manos. / elephants, tigers, trees and hands.
Hay flores también y perros buenos. / There are flowers too and good dogs.

Todos son grandes y todos pequeños. / All of them are big and all of them small.
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