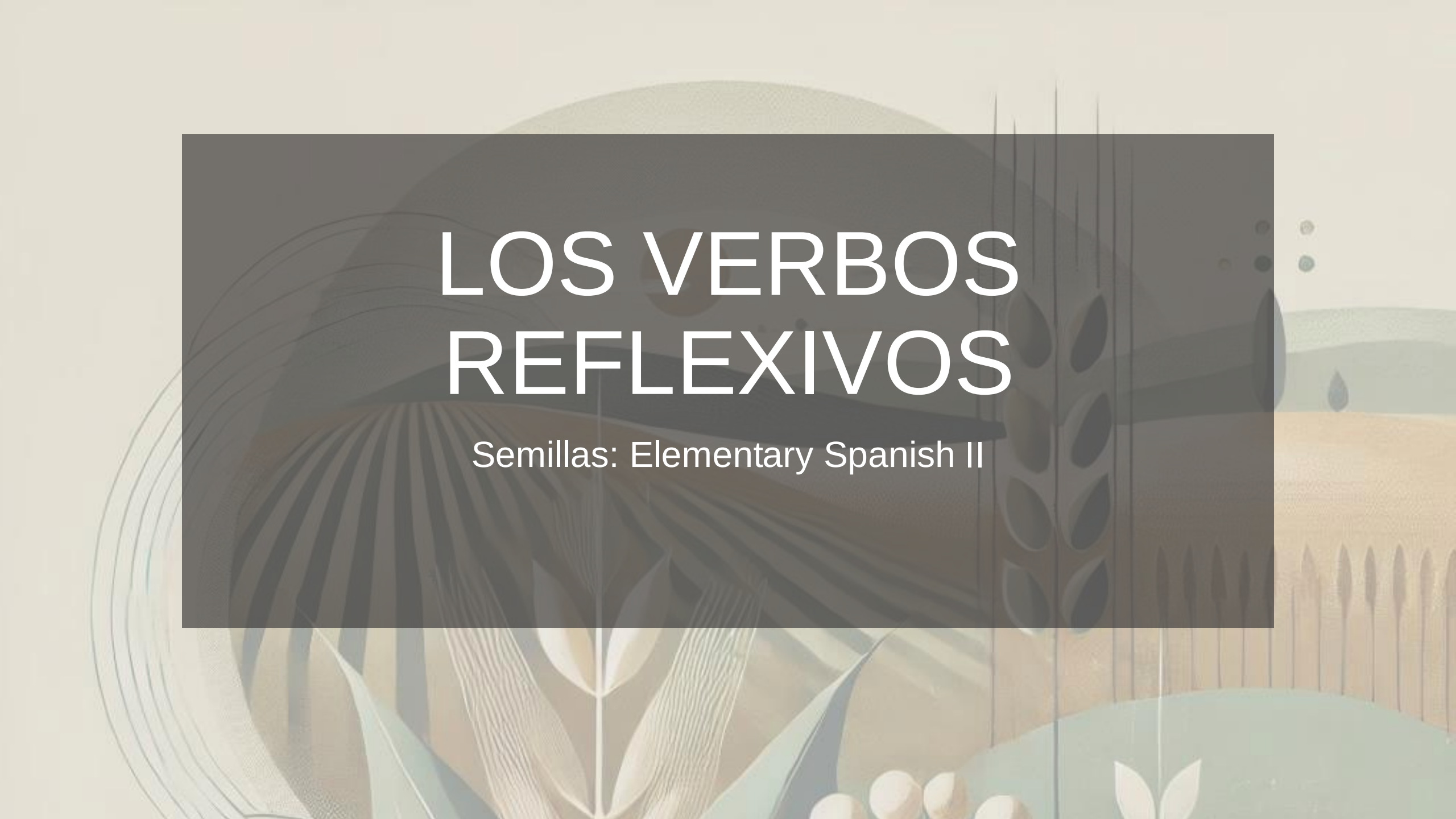


The background is a soft-focus illustration of various plants. On the left, there are large, dark green leaves with prominent veins. To the right, there are tall, thin stalks with small, dark, teardrop-shaped leaves. At the bottom, there are some light green, rounded shapes that look like seed pods or small fruits. A large, dark grey semi-transparent rectangle is centered over the image, containing the title text in white.

LOS VERBOS REFLEXIVOS

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



What are reflexive verbs?

Reflexive verbs are used when the subject of the sentence does an action to **itself**. In other words, the subject and the object are the same person or thing.

For example:

- Me cepillo el pelo. *I brush my hair.*

The person doing the brushing is the same person being brushed.

When do we use reflexive verbs?

We often use reflexive verbs to talk about **routines** and **actions we do to ourselves**.

Here are a few examples of reflexive verbs:

- Lavarse *to wash*
- Bañarse *to bathe*
- Cepillarse *to brush*
- Ducharse *to shower*
- Vestirse *to get dressed*
- Afeitarse *to shave*
- Despertarse *to wake up*





How to form reflexive verbs



Paso 1. Identify the verb.

- Lavarse

Paso 2. Conjugate the verb based on the subject and its corresponding *–ar*, *–er*, or *–ir* ending.

- Yo lavo

Paso 3. Add the corresponding reflexive pronoun.

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Tú te lavas	Vosotras os laváis
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You should place the reflexive pronoun (me, te, se, nos, os, se) before a conjugated verb.

- **Se** ducha a las cinco. *He showers at 5:00.*

If there are two verbs, you can place the pronoun before the conjugated verb or attach it to the end of the infinitive verb.

- **Se** va a duchar a las cinco. *He is going to shower at 5:00.*
- Va a ducharse a las cinco.

Some examples

Te acuestas temprano.

You go to bed early.

Ellos **se cepillan** los dientes dos veces al día.

They brush their teeth two times a day.

Nos maquillamos porque vamos a una fiesta.

We put on make-up because we are going to a party.

Voy a despertarme a las seis esta semana para estudiar.

I'm going to wake up at 6:00 this week to study.

