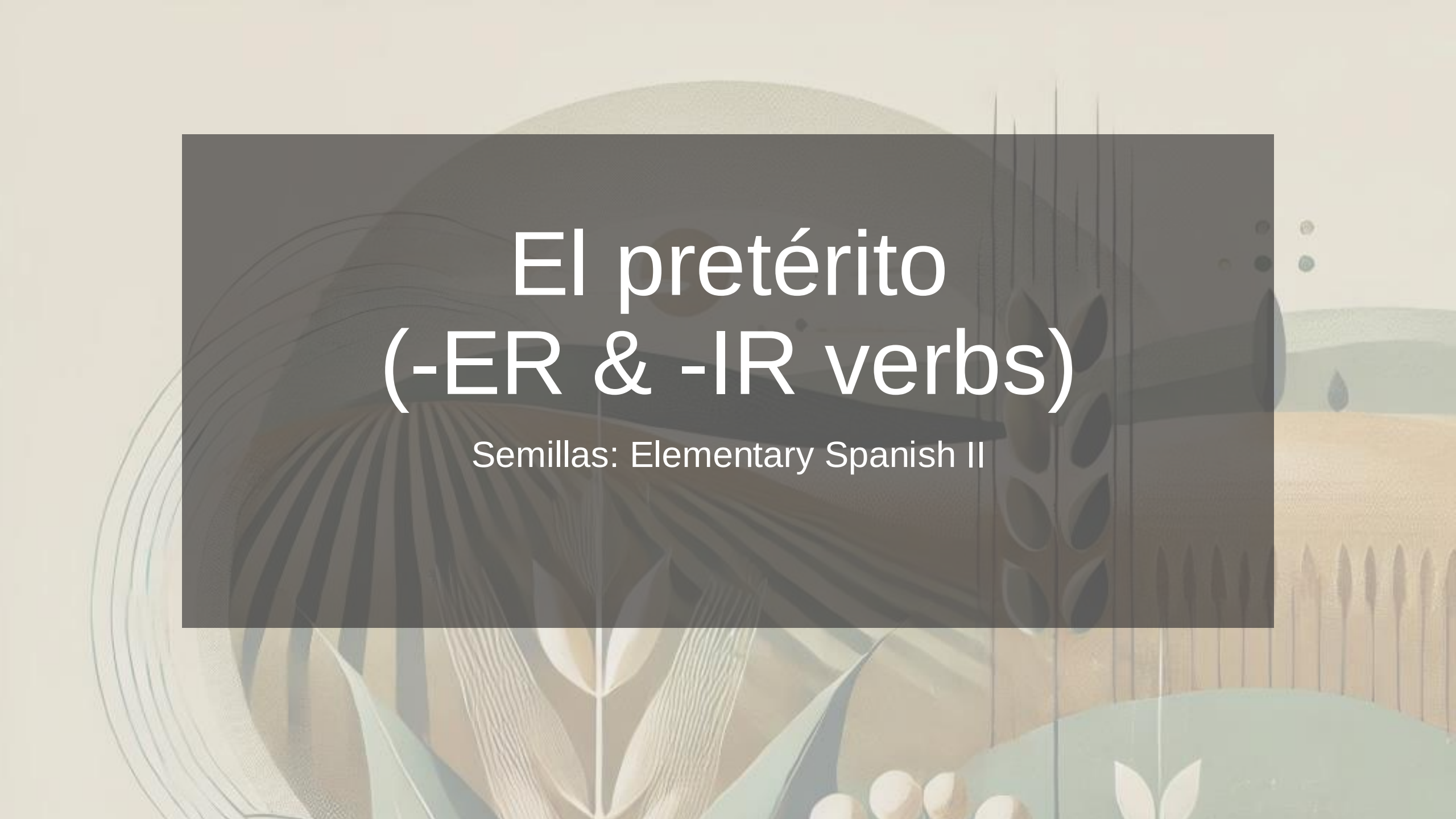


The background is a stylized botanical illustration. It features a large, dark green, fan-like leaf on the left side. To the right, there are several vertical, thin, light green stems with small, dark green, oval-shaped leaves. At the bottom, there are some light green, rounded shapes that look like seed pods or fruits. The overall color palette is muted greens and browns, giving it a natural, earthy feel.

El pretérito (-ER & -IR verbs)

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Time for more *pretérito*



Remember that the **preterite** tense in Spanish is used to talk about completed actions in the past.

We have learned how to conjugate regular preterite verbs that end in **–AR**.

–AR Verbs	
Yo habl é	Nosotros habl amos
Tú habl aste	Vosotras habl asteis
Ella habl ó	Ellos habl aron

Now it's time to learn how to conjugate regular preterite verbs that end in **–ER** and **–IR**.



How do we form *el pretérito* with regular –ER and -IR verbs?



Paso 1. Take off the –ER or –IR ending of an infinitive verb

- Vivir-> viv-

Paso 2. Add the appropriate ending based on the subject. Note that –ER and –IR verbs share the same endings in the preterite.

-ER & -IR Verbs	
Yo viví	Nosotros vivimos
Tú viviste	Vosotras vivisteis
Ella vivió	Ellos vivieron

Some examples

Ayer **corrí** en el parque.

Yesterday I ran in the park.

Anita **devolvió** el juguete porque no le gustó.

Anita returned the toy because she didn't like it.

Mis hermanos y yo **abrimos** nuestros regalos anoche.

My siblings and I opened our gifts last night.

