



Stem-Changing Verbs

CH.7

***Review –AR, -ER, -IR Endings

-AR	
-o	-amos
-as	-áis
-a	-an

-ER	
-o	-emos
-es	-éis
-e	-en

-IR	
-o	-imos
-es	-ís
-e	-en

Stem-Changing Verbs

- ▶ Stem vs. Ending
- ▶ Empez ar (e>ie)
- ▶ Jug ar (u>ue)
- ▶ Perd er (e>ie).

*** (e>ie) most common stem-change

How to Stem-Change

- ▶ Find the last syllable of the STEM → preferir (e>ie)
- ▶ Conjugate verb according to it's ending → -IR
- ▶ In the 1st person singular, 2nd person singular, and 3rd person singular and plural the stem will change.
- ▶ ***Nosotros & ****Vosotros form **DO NOT** stem-change.

Practice***

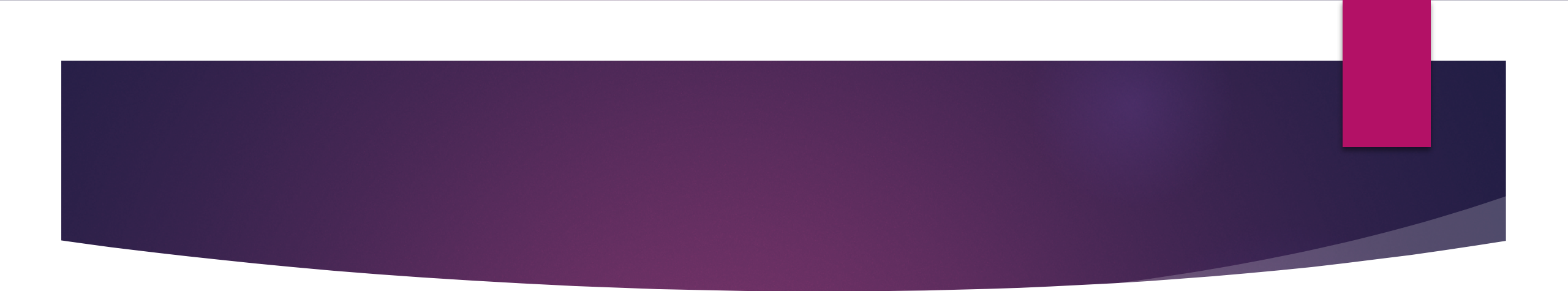
- ▶ Comenzar (e>ie)
- ▶ Perder (e>ie)
- ▶ Querer (e>ie)
- ▶ Preferir (e>ie)
- ▶ Volver (o>ue)
- ▶ Jugar (u>ue)

Compound Verbs

Verbs

- ▶ comenzar, empezar, querer, preferir, poder
 - ▶ often used in compound verbs
- ▶ I **want to win** the game.
- ▶ **Quiero ganar** el partido.

- ▶ They **prefer to eat** in the dining room.
- ▶ **Prefieren comer** en el comedor.



▶ We can speak Spanish.

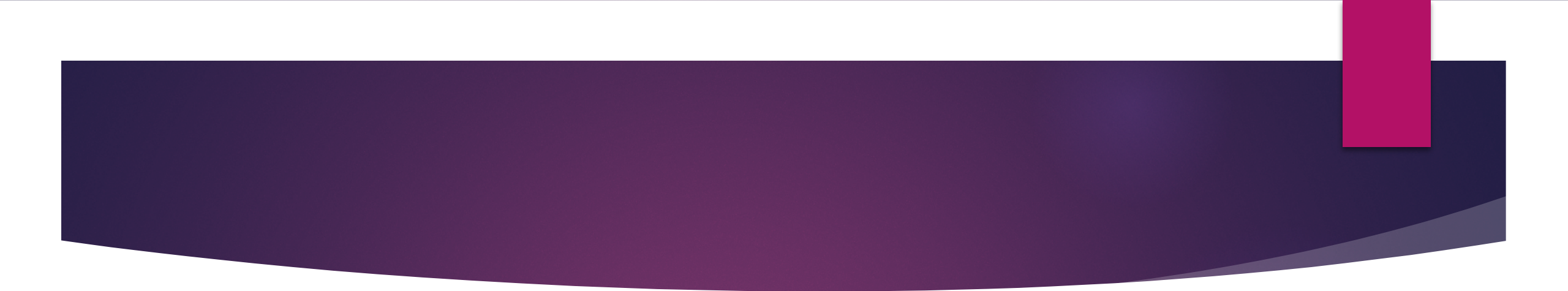
▶ Podemos hablar español.

▶ • empezar and comenzar will add the preposition “a” before the infinitive

▶ • They begin to play soccer.

▶ • Empiezan a jugar fútbol.

▶ • Comienzan a jugar fútbol.

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- ▶ They prefer to play soccer.
 - ▶ Prefieren jugar fútbol

 - ▶ We begin to read a novel.
 - ▶ Empezamos a leer una novela.
 - ▶ Comenzamos a leer una novela.

 - ▶ We want to read a novel.
 - ▶ Queremos leer una novela.

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and beyond!

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What does Buzz Lightyear say when
conjugating the second consecutive verb?