

Identifying Prepositional Phrases:

Each sentence contains at least one prepositional phrase. Underline each prepositional phrase once. Put a second line under each preposition. Circle each object of the preposition. (Note: when “to” is directly in front of a verb, “to” is **not** a preposition.)

1. In the beginning of our vacation, we were not sure we made the best plans.
2. It rained for the first three days, and we were stuck inside the hotel.
3. We did not know that in southern California there is a rainy season.
4. When it stopped raining, we all piled in the rental car and drove to the beach on Balboa Peninsula.
5. The kids ran out on the pier and we followed on their heels.
6. Tom decided that we should have breakfast at Ruby’s on the pier.
7. The ocean was a beautiful gray touched with white foam, and the waves were huge as they crashed against the pier.
8. I turned to face inland and saw the mountains in the distance covered with snow.
9. It was hard to believe that those mountains are a two-and-a-half hour drive from Newport Beach.
10. The sky was crystal clear; what happened to the infamous southern California smog?
11. We found out that in southern California, it rains between November and March only.
12. When it rains down at the beach, it usually snows up in the mountains.
13. We decided to go to the mountains the next day early in the morning.
14. We left at four a.m. trying to miss the worst of the traffic.
15. The hotel manager suggested we go to Big Bear Lake.
16. When we got there, we found a winter wonderland laid out for us.
17. It was hard to believe that we had been at the beach just two-and-a-half hours ago.
18. We spent the day on skis and ice skates.
19. Back at the hotel that evening, we walked on the beach.

20. Could any one place have such geographical diversity within just two hours distance?
21. After a few days on the beach, we drove up to Malibu to see the Getty Museum.
22. We spent the day wandering through galleries of European paintings and sculpture.
23. We drove back to Newport on Pacific Coast Highway and decided to stop for the world's best fish tacos at Wahoo's in Huntington Beach.
24. The next morning we drove down the coast to Laguna Beach to watch a volleyball tournament on Main Beach.
25. The vacation may have started badly, but by the end we were sorry to leave this paradise.