

Accelerated Math Notes
Section 6.6
Simple and Compound Interest

Interest is the amount paid or earned for the use of money.

amount you pay for a loan

Simple Interest is calculated using the formula

$$i = Prt$$

i = simple interest

P = Principal (the amount of money deposited or invested) or borrow

r = rate of interest written as a decimal

t = number of years money invested

6 months $\rightarrow t = .5$

Brandon found a bank offering a CD (certificate of deposit) that pays 4% simple interest. He has \$1,500 to invest. How much interest will he earn in 3 years?

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = (1500)(.04)(3)$$

$$i = 180$$

\$180

Brandon found a bank offering a CD (certificate of deposit) that pays 4% simple interest. He has \$1,500 to invest. How much interest will he earn in 30 months?

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = (1500)(.04)(2.5)$$

$$i = 150$$

\$150

$$\frac{30}{12} = 2.5$$

Call opens a savings account that pays 1.5% simple interest. She deposits \$600. How much interest will she earn in 2 years?

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = 600(0.015)(2)$$

$$i = 18$$

\$18

Micah opens a savings account that pays 0.5% simple interest. He deposits \$2000 and leaves it there for 10 years. How much money will he have in the account at the end of that time?

2000 + interest

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = 2000(0.005)(10)$$

$$i = 100$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ + 100 \\ \hline \$2100 \end{array}$$

Laura borrowed \$2000 from her credit union to buy a computer. The interest rate for the loan is 9% per year.

*How much interest will she pay if it takes her 1.5 years to repay the loan?

*How much will the computer cost her including the interest she must pay on the loan?

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = 2000(0.09)(1.5)$$

$$i = \$270$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ + 270 \\ \hline \$2270 \end{array}$$

Juan borrowed \$7,450 from the bank to purchase a used car. The interest rate is 15% per year. When he is finished paying off the loan, how much will he have paid the bank if the loan is for 3 years?

7450 + interest

$$i = Prt$$

$$i = 7450(0.15)(3)$$

$$i = \$3352.50$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7450 \\ + 3352.50 \\ \hline 10,802.50 \end{array}$$

How much will his monthly payment to the bank be?

3 years = 36 months

$$10,802.50 \div 36$$

$$300.069$$

$$\approx \$300.07 \text{ each month}$$

Sara earned \$250 in interest from the money she put in her savings account ten years ago. If interest rate was 5% how much money did she put in her account?

$$i = Prt$$

$$250 = P(0.05)(10)$$

$$250 = 0.5P$$

$$\frac{250}{0.5} = \frac{0.5P}{0.5}$$

$$500 = P$$

$$\$500$$