

Chapter

## 8

*Financial  
Mathematics:  
Investing  
Money*▶ **LEARNING GOALS**

You will be able to develop your number sense in financial applications by

- Understanding and comparing the effects of simple interest and compound interest
- Determining how changes in the variables of an investment affect the return
- Being aware of a variety of different investment instruments
- Comparing different investment strategies

? What do you think it means to be financially literate, and how will being financially literate help you achieve your goals?



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## Simple Interest

**term**

The contracted duration of an investment or loan.

**interest**

The amount of money earned on an investment or paid on a loan.

**fixed interest rate**

An interest rate that is guaranteed not to change during the term of an investment or loan.

**principal**

The original amount of money invested or loaned.

**maturity**

The contracted end date of an investment or loan, at the end of the term.

**future value**

The amount,  $A$ , that an investment will be worth after a specified period of time.

**GOAL**

Solve problems that involve simple interest

**simple interest**

The amount of interest earned on an investment or paid on a loan based on the original amount (the principal) and the simple interest rate.

**Communication Tip**

Interest rates are communicated as a percent for a time period. Since most often the time period is per year or **per annum** (abbreviated as **/a**), a given percent is assumed to be annual unless otherwise stated. For example, an interest rate of 4% means 4%/a or 4% interest per year.

# SIMPLE Interest

Based on the **principal** (original amount) that is invested/borrowed. Interest is a certain percentage per **annum** (year). Often used for personal loans and short-term investments. The length of time for the investment/loan is called the **term**.

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$$I = Prt$$

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$$A = P + I$$

OR

$$A = P + Prt$$

$$A = P(1 + rt)$$

Interest = Principal x rate x time

- I - interest earned
- P - principal (original investment/loan)
- r - interest rate as a percent (change to a decimal)
- t - is ALWAYS time in **years**  
(how long the money is invested/borrowed)
- A - amount of money including interest

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0.025%

**EXAMPLE 1** Solving a simple interest problem

Marty invested in a \$2500 guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) at 2.5% simple interest paid annually with a term of 10 years.

"Paid Annually"

**NOTE:**  
Means that interest is paid only in yearly increments.

- a) How much interest will accumulate over the term of Marty's investment?
- b) What is the future value of his investment at maturity?

a)  $I = Prt$   
 $= 2500(0.025)(10)$   
 $= \$625$

b)  $A = P + I$   
 $= 2500 + 625$   
 $= \$3125$

**EXAMPLE #2:**

Betty-Ann's bank offers a simple interest rate of 4% per <sup>year</sup> annum. How much interest would Betty-Ann earn on her investment of \$4000 after 8 months.

$$I = Prt$$

$$I = 4000 (0.04) (8/12)$$

$$I = \$106.67$$



Time

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