

Simple and Compound Interest

Definitions: **Interest:** a fee charged for the use of money

Principal (P):

Interest Rate (r):

Time (t):

Amount (A):

Interest (I):

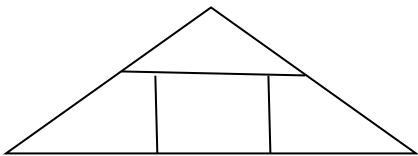
/a or per annum:

Simple Interest Formula

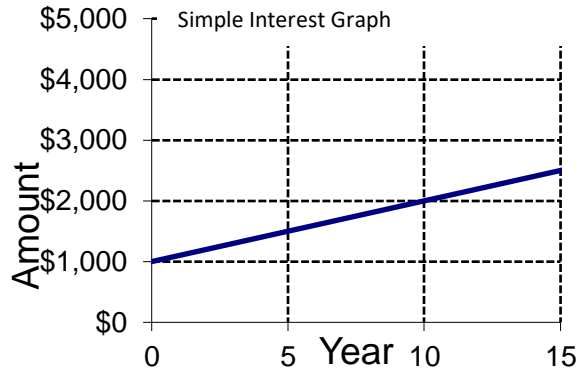
Interest that is calculated only on the original principal.

$$I = Prt$$

$$A = P + I$$



Linear Graph



Examples:

3. Calculate how much interest is earned if \$2000 is invested at 4% simple interest for 26 weeks.

4. What principal is needed to have \$500 in interest, in 18 months, invested at 2.5%/a simple interest?

5. What rate of simple interest is needed to get \$7000 to grow to \$10000 in 5 years?

More Definitions for Compound Interest

i = interest rate per compounding period

(interest rate \div 100 \div number of times per year interest is calculated)

n = number of periods

(number of years \times number of times per year interest is calculated)

P = Principal (Original amount invested or borrowed) This is sometimes referred to as Present Value or PV

A = Final Amount (includes interest and principal)

Typical Compounding periods

Compounding Period	Number of Times per year interest is compounded
Annually	
Semi-annually	
Quarterly	

Bi-monthly	
Monthly	
Bi-weekly	
Weekly	
Daily	

