

5.6 Compound Interest

Ex 1 Adriane purchased a new car for \$18,000. The loan had a 5% interest rate for 5 years. Find the total amount she will pay after the 5 years?

This is simple interest so, $I = Prt$
 $5\% = 0.05$ $I = 18,000(0.05)(5)$
 $= 4,500$

Asking for
total
amount

Adriane will pay $18,000 + 4,500$ which is \$22,500 for the car.

You try... What is the simple interest on a loan for \$15,700 at 5.5% for 3 years?

$$I = 15,700(0.055)(3)$$
$$= 2,590.50$$

Just
asking for
interest

\$2,590.50 in interest for 3 years

Ex 2 Nick invested \$5000 at 6%, compounded quarterly. How much will Nick have after 10 years?

Compounded so $A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$
 $A = 5000(1 + \frac{0.06}{4})^{4(10)}$
 $\approx 9,070.09$

After 10 years, Nick will have \$9070.09

You try... Marcy invested \$1250 at 3.5%, compounded monthly. How much will Marcy have after 8 years?

$$A = 1250(1 + \frac{0.035}{12})^{12 \cdot 8}$$
$$\approx 1541.63$$

After 8 years, Marcy will have \$1541.63

Ex 3 Jon invested 2000 at 5.5% compounded continuously. How much will Jon have in his account after 20 years?

Compounded continuously so, $A = Pe^{rt}$
 $A = 2000e^{(0.055)(20)}$
 ≈ 6008.33

After 20 years, Jon will have \$6008.33

You try... How much money will Sally need to invest initially in order to have \$100,000 after 18 years if the money is compounded continuously at 8%?

$$\frac{100000}{e^{(0.08)(18)}} = \frac{Pe^{(0.08)(18)}}{e^{(0.08)(18)}}$$

$$P \approx 23,692.78$$

Sally will need to invest about \$23,692.78 to have \$100,000.