

Principal: How much money you borrowed, invested or lent someone

Interest: How much extra money is owed

Final Amount (Future Value) = Principal + Interest

Simple Interest Formula:

$$I = P \cdot r \cdot t$$

I = Interest

P = Principal

r = Interest rate (decimal)

t = time (years)

Example #1:

If you borrow \$100 at 5% interest for 1 year:

$\frac{\$}{100} @ 0.05$

- a) How much interest do you owe?
- b) What is the final amount you have to pay back?

a) $I = P \cdot r \cdot t = (\$100)(0.05)(1) = \boxed{\$5}$

b) $\text{Final amount} = A = \overset{P}{\$100} + \overset{I}{\$5} = \boxed{\$105}$

Example #2:

If I invest \$380 (my iPod money) at 7.5% interest for 4 years (until the end of high school), what is the final amount I have in my account?

$\$380 \cdot 0.075 \cdot 4 = \underline{\$114} = \text{Interest}$

$\text{Final amount} = A = \overset{I}{\$114} + \overset{P}{\$380} = \boxed{\$494}$

Example #3:

If you invest \$12,300 at 8.1% for 8 months:

$$= \text{how many years?} = \frac{8 \text{ months}}{12 \text{ months}} = 0.6 \text{ years}$$

- a) How much interest do you earn?
 b) What is the final amount you have in your account?

$$a) I = \$12,300 \cdot 0.081 \cdot \frac{8}{12} = \boxed{\$664.20}$$

$$b) A = P + I = \$12,300 + \$664.20 = \boxed{\$12,964.20}$$

Example #4:

If you borrow \$890 at 12.7% for 73 days, what is the final amount you have to pay back?

$$P \quad r \quad t$$

$$t = \frac{73 \text{ days}}{365 \text{ days}} = 0.2 \text{ years}$$

$$\$890 \cdot 0.127 \cdot 0.2 = \underline{\$22.61} = I$$

$$A = I + P = \$22.61 + \$890$$

$$= \boxed{\$912.61}$$