

COMPOUND INTEREST (15a)

... INVOLVES ADDING IN INTEREST AT REGULAR INTERVALS, SO YOU'RE EARNING INTEREST ON INTEREST!

LET: P = INITIAL INVESTMENT (\$)
 r = ANNUAL INTEREST RATE (eg, 2% = 0.02)
 n = # OF TIMES, PER YEAR, THAT INTEREST IS ADDED IN; # OF COMPOUNDING PERIODS/YEAR

MONTHLY: $n = 12$ WEEKLY: $n = 52$ DAILY: $n = 365$

AFTER THIS TIME... ... YOU'LL HAVE THIS MUCH \$\$...

1 COMPOUNDING PERIOD	$P + P \cdot r \cdot \frac{1}{n} = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^1$
2 " "	$P(1 + \frac{r}{n}) + P(1 + \frac{r}{n}) \cdot r \cdot \frac{1}{n} = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^2$
⋮	⋮
$n = 1$ YEAR	$P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{n \cdot 1}$
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$2n = 2$ YEARS	$P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{n \cdot 2}$

$A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$

USING THE COMPOUND INTEREST FORMULA (15b)

$A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$

EX SUPPOSE \$1000 IS INVESTED AT 3% ANNUAL INTEREST, COMPOUNDED DAILY, FOR 5 YEARS. HOW MUCH MONEY WILL YOU HAVE?

$P = 1000, r = 0.03, n = 365, t = 5$

$A = 1000(1 + \frac{0.03}{365})^{365 \cdot 5} = \$1,161.83$

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BE ABLE TO DO THIS ON YOUR CALCULATOR!!