

What is interest?

What effect do low interest rates have  
on our decisions?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kK16Mx0yt58>



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Borrowing-

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Investing-

Variables which effect simple interest (I) include;

1. Present value (P)
2. Interest rate (r)
3. The length the money is invested (t)

## Present Value/Principal (P)

This is the value of the money which we invest or we borrow.

For example: Ron takes \$22,000 dollars and buys a 6-month GIC that pays simple interest at 1.95%.

Identify the Present value in this question?

## Interest Rate ( $r$ )

This is always expressed as a percent in the question.

For example: Ron takes \$22,000 dollars and buys a 6-month GIC that pays simple interest at 1.95%.

Identify the interest rate in this question.

## Time (t)

Time refers to the length of time (in years) that the money is invested or borrowed.

For example: Ron takes \$22,000 dollars and buys a 1 year GIC that pays simple interest at 1.95%.

How long does Ron invest his money for?

To find simple interest we use ;

$$I = Prt \text{ or } I = (P) \times (r) \times (t)$$

$$P = \$22,000$$

$$r = 1.95\%$$

$$t = 1 \text{ year}$$

## Quick Refresher for converting percent to decimals

10%=

11.9%=

1.2%=



Try this

Ron takes \$22,000 dollars and buys a 6 month GIC that pays simple interest at 1.95%.

The amount you owe or borrow is dependent upon three variables which include;

1)

2)

3)

What is interest?

1. What is the interest earned on \$1000 GIC paying 2.1% for 3 years.

2. What is the future value?

**Hint:** Future Value = Principal + the simple interest.