## NOTES: Simple Interest

| Interest | *the extra \$ you earn if you put money into an account at a bank (ex: savings acct, money market, $C D$ ) <br> *the extra \$ you pay back if you take a loan (in addition to the amt. you borrowed) <br> Both are based on time and a percentage rate |
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| Simple Interest $\dagger$ formula | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I = PRT } \\ & \text { Interest = (Principal)(Rate)(Time) } \\ & \text { Amt of \$ = (amt of \$)(\%)(years) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Example 1 <br> Substitute what you know into formula | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Interest }=? \\ & \text { Principal }=\$ 800 \\ & \text { Rate }=6 \% \\ & \text { Time }=2 \text { years } \\ & \\ & I=\text { prt } \\ & I=(800)(.06)(2) \\ & I=\$ 96 \end{aligned}$ |
| Example 2 <br> When solving for " $r$ " change the decimal into a \% by moving decimal 2 to right | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Interest }=\$ 20 \\ & \text { Principal }=\$ 250 \\ & \text { Rate }=? \\ & \text { Time }=1 \text { year } \\ & \\ & I=\text { prt } \\ & 20=(250)(r)(1) \\ & 20=250 r \\ & \frac{20}{250}=\frac{250 r}{250} \\ & r=0.08 \\ & r=8 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Example 3 <br> Change months into a fraction of a year | Interest = \$100 <br> Principal = ? <br> Rate $=5 \%$ <br> Time $=9$ months <br> $I=p r t$ $\begin{aligned} & 100=(p)(.05)(3 / 4) \\ & 100=(0.0375)(p) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | $100=(0.0375)(p)$ <br> $0.0375 \quad 0.0375$ <br> $P=2666.67$ <br> Principal $=\$ 2666.67$ |
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