

## WARM UP

**1) Principal = \$1,500**

**interest rate = 6%**

**time = 5 years**

**What's the simple interest?**

# MATH COURSE I

Simple Interest

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# VOCABULARY

interest: the amount of money charged for borrowing or using money

simple interest: a fixed percentage of the principal

$$I = prt$$

principal: the initial/original amount of money borrowed or saved

# FORMULA

$$I = prt$$

*p = principal*

*r = rate of interest*

*t = time*

# SIMPLE INTEREST

Aria borrowed \$3,000 and will pay 4% simple interest for 3 years. Use the formula to find how total interest she will pay.

principal x interest rate x time = interest

$\$3,000 \times 4\% \times 3 = \text{interest}$

4% of 3,000 =

1% = \$30                       $\$30 \times 4 = \$120$

Then,  $\$120 \times 3 = \mathbf{\$360}$

# PRACTICE

Find total interest & Total amount owed.

1) Principal = \$250  
interest rate = 8%  
time = 6 years

2) Principal = \$1,100  
interest rate = 7%  
time = 5 years

# More Practice

**3) Suppose you wanted to borrow \$600. At Sun Trust you can borrow at 4% simple interest for 2 years. At Wells Fargo you can borrow at 2% simple interest for 4 years. Which bank would you choose? Why?**

**4)  $P = \$575$ ,  $r = 8\%$ ,  $t = 3$  years**

**5)  $P = \$600$ ,  $r = 5\%$ ,  $t = 4$  years**

**6)  $P = \$900$ ,  $r = 3\%$ ,  $t = 2$  years**