

**Notes 4 B The Power of Compounding**

Day 1

On July 18, 1461, King Edward IV of England borrowed the modern equivalent of \$384 from New College of Oxford. The King soon paid back \$160, but never repaid the remaining \$224. The debt was forgotten for 535 years. Upon its rediscovery in 1996, a New College administrator wrote to the Queen of England asking for repayment with interest. Assuming an interest rate of 4% per year, he calculated that the college was owed \$290 billion. ....Is this possible????? How were interest calculated????

Principal	In financial formulas is the _____ upon which interest is paid.
Simple Interest	Interest is paid on your _____ or _____ and <b>NOT</b> on any _____
Compound Interest	Interest paid on _____ on the _____ and on _____

<b>SIMPLE Interest</b>	<b>COMPOUND Interest</b>
Imagine you deposit \$1000 in Honest John's Money Holding Service, which promises to pay 5% interest each year.	Suppose you place \$1000 in a bank account that pays the same 5% interest per year. But instead of paying you the interest directly, the bank <u>adds</u> the interest to your account.
After one year:	After one year:
After the second year:	After the second year:
After the third year:	After the third year:

**Example 1) Savings Bond**

While banks almost always pay compound interest, bonds usually pay simple interest. Suppose you invest \$1000 in a savings bond that pays simple interest of 10% per year. How much total interest will you receive in 5 years? If the bond paid compound interest, would you receive more or less total interest? Explain.

End of Year	Simple Interest		Compound Interest	
	Interest	New Balance	Interest	New Balance

**THE COMPOUND INTEREST FORMULA**  
(For Interest Paid Once a Year)

$$A = P \times (1 + APR)^Y$$

**Where:**

**A = Accumulated balance after Y years.** Also called Future Value (FV)

**P = Starting Principal.** Also called Present Value (PV)

**APR = Annual Percentage Rate.** Express it as a decimal!!!

**Y = Number of Years**

**Example:** P=\$100, APR= 10%, and Y=5 years, Find Accumulated balance A = ?

**Procedure to use with calculator:**

$$A = 100 \times (1 + 0.1)^5$$

	Calculator Steps	Ouput
<b>Step 1. Parentheses</b>	<b>1 + 0.1 =</b>	
<b>Step 2. Exponent</b>	<b>^ 5 =</b>	
<b>Step 3. Multiply</b>	<b>x 100 =</b>	

**Note: It is very important that you not round any of the answers intermediate steps, even though you will round the final answer to the nearest cent.**



## Compound Interest paid More Than Once a Year

### THE COMPOUND INTEREST FORMULA (For Interest Paid “ $n$ ” times per Year)

$$A = P \times \left( 1 + \frac{APR}{n} \right)^{(nY)}$$

**Where:**

**A = Accumulated balance after  $Y$  years.** Also called Future Value (FV)

**P = Starting Principal.** Also called Present Value (PV)

**APR = Annual Percentage Rate.** Express it as a decimal!!!

**$n$  = Number of compounding periods per year**

**Y = Number of Years**

**Note that Y is not necessarily an integer; for example, a calculation for three and a half years would have  $Y = 3.5$**

**Example:**  $P = \$5000$ ,  $APR = 3\%$ ,  $n = 12$ , and  $Y = 5$  years, Find Accumulated balance  $A = ?$

**Procedure to use with calculator:**

$$A = 5000 \times \left( 1 + \frac{0.03}{12} \right)^{(12 \times 5)}$$

	Calculator Steps	Output
<b>Step 1. Parentheses</b>	$1 + 0.03 \div 12$	=
<b>Step 2. Exponent</b>	$^ ( 12 \times 5 )$	=
<b>Step 3. Multiply</b>	$\times 5000$	=

**Note: It is very important that you not round any of the answers intermediate steps, even though you will round the final answer to the nearest cent.**

**Example 4) Monthly Compounding at 3%**

You deposit \$5000 in a bank account that pays an APR of 3% and compounds interest monthly. How much money will you have after 5 years? Compare this amount to the amount you'd have if interest were paid only once each year.

**Example 5) Mattress Investments**

Your grandfather put \$100 under his mattress 50 years ago. If he had instead invested it in a bank account paying 3.5% interest compounded yearly (roughly the average U.S. rate of inflation during that period), how much would it be worth now?

**Annual Percentage Yield (APY):**

$$APY = \text{relative} \cdot \text{increase} \cdot \text{in} \cdot 1 \cdot \text{year} = \frac{\text{absolute} \cdot \text{increase}}{\text{starting} \cdot \text{principal}}$$

- Is the actual percentage by which a balance increases **in one year**.
- It is equal to the APR if interest is **compounded annually**.
- It is greater than the APR if interest is compounded **more than once a year**.
- The APY **does not** depend on the starting principal.
- The APY is sometimes also called the **effective yield** or simply the **yield**.

**Example 6) More Compounding Means a Higher Yield**

You deposit \$1000 into an account with APR = 8%. Find the annual percentage yield with *monthly* compounding and with *daily* compounding.

# Continuous Compounding

**TABLE 4.4** Annual Yield (APY) for APR = 8% with Various Numbers of Compounding Periods ( $n$ )

$n$	APY	$n$	APY
1	8.0000000%	1000	8.3283601%
4	8.2432160%	10,000	8.3286721%
12	8.2999507%	1,000,000	8.3287064%
365	8.3277572%	10,000,000	8.3287067%
500	8.3280135%	1,000,000,000	8.3287068%

## THE CONTINUOUS COMPOUND INTEREST FORMULA (For Interest Paid “ $n$ ” times per Year)

$$A = P \times e^{(APR \cdot Y)}$$

**Where:**

**A = Accumulated balance after  $Y$  years.** Also called Future Value (FV)

**P = Starting Principal.** Also called Present Value (PV)

**APR = Annual Percentage Rate.** Express it as a decimal!!!

**Y = Number of Years**

### Example 7) Continuous Compounding

You deposit \$100 in an account with an APR of 8% and continuous compounding. How much will you have after 10 years?

**Planning Ahead with Compound Interest:**

**Example 8)** College Fund at 3%

Suppose you put money in an investment with an interest rate of  $APR = 3\%$ , compounded annually, and leave it there for the next 18 years. How much would you have to deposit now to realize \$100,000 after 18 years?

**Example 9)** College Fund at 5%, Compounded Monthly

Repeat Example 8, but with an interest rate of 5% and monthly compounding. Compare the results.