Financial Literacy

Activity 4 Assessment Simple Interest and Compound Interest

Determining Simple Interest and Compound Interest			
Understands and calculates simple interest	Understands and calculates compound interest	Understands the implications of interest on a loan	Understands the effect of different compounding periods on a loan
Simple interest is money earned on an investment and money paid on a loan. If I save \$500 for 3 years at 6% annual simple interest, the interest earned is: $500 \times 3 \times 0.06 = 90$	Compound interest is interest earned on interest for an investment, or interest paid on interest for a loan. I use an online calculator. If I save \$500 for 3 years at 6% compound annually, the interest earned is \$95.51.	A person borrows \$10 000 for 10 years and pays 8% interest. If the person pays simple interest, the amount owing after 10 years is \$18 000. If the person pays interest compounded annually, the amount owing after 10 years is \$21 589.25. It costs much more to borrow money with compound interest.	A person owes \$7000 for 5 years and pays 15% interest. If the interest is compounded annually, the amount owing after 5 years is \$14 079.50. If the interest is compounded daily, the amount owing after 5 years is \$14 816.72. The amount owing increases faster when the compounding period is more frequent.
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