## Financial Literacy

## Activity 5 Assessment Growth and Impact of Interest at Different Rates

Growth and Impact of Interest at Different Rates			
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 × 3 × 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.
Observations/Documentation			