# Compound Interest MIND BEND 

"Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it... He who doesn't, pays it..."

- Albert Einstein


## Compound interest = earning interest on your interest.

It is one of the most powerful concepts in saving and investing.

Over time, compound interest accelerates your savings.

## EXAMPLE

## You invest $\$ 100$ with an annual return of $5 \%$. <br> initial deposit or principal <br> interest rate

## EXAMPLE

Simple Interest

| Initial deposit | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| after 1 year | $\$ 105$ | $\$ 105.00$ |
| after 2 years | $\$ 110$ | $\$ 110.25$ |
| after 3 years | $\$ 115$ | $\$ 115.76$ |
| after 4 years | $\$ 120$ | $\$ 121.55$ |
| after 5 years | $\$ 125$ | $\$ 127.63$ |

## EXAMPLE

Simple Interest

| Initial deposit | \$100 + \$5.00 | \$100.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| after 1 year | \$105 + \$5.00 | \$105.00 |
| after 2 years | \$110 + \$5.00 | \$110.25 |
| after 3 years | \$115 +\$5.00 | \$115.76 |
| after 4 years | \$120 +\$5.00 | \$121.55 |
| after 5 years | \$125 | \$127.63 |

same amount of interest every year

## EXAMPLE

Simple Interest

| Initial deposit | \$100 | +\$5.00 | \$100.00 + \$5.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| after 1 year | \$105 | +\$5.00 | \$105.00 + \$5.25 |
| after 2 years | \$110 | +\$5.00 | \$110.25 + \$5.51 |
| after 3 years | \$115 | +\$5.00 | \$115.76 + \$5.79 |
| after 4 years | \$120 | +\$5.00 | \$121.55 + \$6.08 |
| after 5 years | \$125 |  | \$127.63 |

How to make the most of COMPOUND INTEREST

## Start saving now.

Time is a huge factor that can maximize the benefits of compound interest.

## So how much difference does a head start make?



EINSTEIN
"There's no time to lose!"

## BLIPPY

"I can always start saving later."

Starts saving at 25
\$1,000 initial deposit
\$1,200 annual deposit 5\% annual return

Starts saving at 35
\$1,000 initial deposit
\$1,200 annual deposit
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Einstein contributed \$12,000 more than Blippy...


Does starting early matter if you contribute less money overall?

\$1,200 annual contribution
contributes annually for the first

(and then stops)

(that's $\$ 12,000$ of his own money)
contributes annually for the ENTIRE 25 YEARS
of his investment
(that's $\$ 30,000$ of his own money)

## BY AGE 60

total interest earned:


Simply by starting early, Einstein was able to contribute $\$ 18,000$ less but still make almost $\$ 14,000$ more in interest!

# Bonus Tips for COMPOUND INTEREST 

## Leave your money alone.

Withdrawing interest as you earn it minimizes the compounding effect.

Contribute often.
If your investment compounds monthly, small, more frequent deposits are better than larger annual deposits.

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