

# Activity Sheet 5: Watch your money grow - interest

Have you ever checked your bank account and found you had more than you started with? That extra money is called interest! It's a little thank you from the bank for keeping your savings with the bank.

## What is interest?

Interest is the money you earn when you save money in a bank.

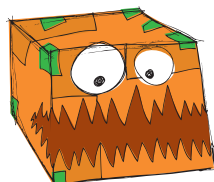
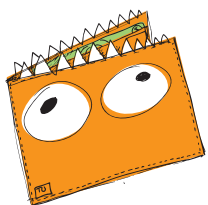
It's like your money is growing slowly over time, even while you sleep!

The bank gives you a little bit extra just for being patient and not spending your money right away.

If you keep your money saved, you can also earn interest on the interest. That's called **compound interest**, and it helps your money grow faster!



Year	Total	Interest (10%)	New total (rounded)	Draw the money you have in the bank. (Your notes and coins)
1	\$10.00	\$1	\$11	
2	\$11.00			
3	\$12.10			
4	\$13.30			
5	\$14.65			



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## Think about it:

- What happens to your savings when you leave them in the bank?
- Why is it sometimes better to wait instead of spending straight away?

I would like to save up for:



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Something I learned from this activity:

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## Ask a grown-up!

Ask someone at the bank or at home and write down what you find out!

**"Have you ever saved money and earned interest? What did you do with it?"**

Write their answer here:



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Or think of your own question to ask:

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