

UNIT B – PERSONAL FINANCE: GRAPHING INVESTMENTS ON DESMOS GRAPHING CALCULATOR

Karen wants to invest **\$2,500** for some length of time. She can do a **Simple** Interest account at 12% APR or a **Compound** Interest account compounded *monthly* at 12% APR. Graph the possibilities for the next **12** years.

How to graph manually. **Complete the table** below for each year for each type of investment. We did everything on paper

Year; t	Simple Amount ; A	Compound Amount; A
	A = 2500*(1+0.12*t)	$A = 2500 * \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{12}\right)^{t*12}$
0	2500	2500
1	2800	2817.06 (2800 is close enough to graph)
2		
3	etc	etc
5		
10		
12		

Manually plot the points! Years of time along the bottom, \$ value along the vertical side. 'Scale' it first. Connect the dots with a smooth curve.



MrF

OR !

BETTER YET. Use a graphing tool! The DESMOS one is readily available on-line, or as downloads. There are another dozen Apps on your phone or other device that also graph. (eg: *Geogebra*)

X and Y VARIABLES. Graphing tools only understand **Y** and **X**, not **A** and **t**, etc. So, everything is Y and X when expressing formulae.







Go ahead! Check with an App! You know you wanna!

What is it worth after 10 years.





↑ Does that say 69.66 years??? WTH? Makes no sense?

> No! Read it! It says 69.66 Periods Which is **5.81 years!**

MrF

How would you like a printout of every year's PV

Yes, it is a computer, of course it can do that!



You will figure it out!