

Small Sums, Big Plans

See how regular saving builds money over time.

GRADE 8 • TEKS 8.12.C

8.12.C “explain how small amounts of money invested regularly, including money saved for college and retirement, grow over time;”

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BUILD IT UP

For a regular savings plan, multiply the amount saved each time by the number of deposits. If the account earns interest or a bonus, find the deposits first, then add the extra amount.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Mina invests \$7 each month for 5 months. How much does she invest before any earnings?

1. Number of deposits: 5

2. $\$7 \times 5 = \35

Answer: \$35

PRACTICE 5 problems

1 You save \$4 each week for 9 weeks. How much do you save?

ANSWER _____

2 You invest \$11 each month for 6 months. What is your total investment?

ANSWER _____

3 You save \$15 each month for 12 months. How much do you save in all?

ANSWER _____

4 You deposit \$8 every other week for 6 deposits. What is your total deposit amount?

ANSWER _____

5 After you invest \$80 through regular deposits, the account earns 10% for the year. What is the account balance?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** You want a new bike that costs \$68. You save \$6 each week for 12 weeks. Do you have enough money, and how much is left after buying the bike?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A college savings account receives \$25 each month for 12 months. At the end of the year, it adds a 10% bonus based on the deposits. What is the balance?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

For retirement, Dani deposits \$10 each month. At the end of each year, the account adds 10% of the balance after that year's deposits. What is the balance after 2 years?

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	You save \$4 each week for 9 weeks. How much do you save?	\$36
2	You invest \$11 each month for 6 months. What is your total investment?	\$66
3	You save \$15 each month for 12 months. How much do you save in all?	\$180
4	You deposit \$8 every other week for 6 deposits. What is your total deposit amount?	\$48
5	After you invest \$80 through regular deposits, the account earns 10% for the year. What is the account balance?	\$88

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **Yes, \$4 is left.** $\$6 \times 12 = \72 . Then $\$72 - \$68 = \$4$.
2. **\$330** The deposits total $\$25 \times 12 = \300 . The bonus is \$30, so the balance is \$330.

CHALLENGE**\$277.20**

Accept answers with or without dollar signs. For the challenge, accept work showing Year 1 as \$132, then Year 2 as \$277.20.