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SAVING INTEREST ADDS UP

Melanie has a balance of \$53 in her bank account.

1. She earned 2% interest on her balance.
What is her new account balance?
Do the math:

➔ Answer: Melanie's balance is \$ _____.

2. If Melanie's balance had been \$245, how much interest would she have earned?
Do the math:

➔ Answer: She would have earned \$ _____ in interest.

3. **Justin borrows \$1,000 from his father**, who charges him 3% interest every month on the remaining balance. For example, the first month he would pay his father \$130, or \$100 plus 3% of \$1,000.
 - a. Calculate the total amount of interest paid.
 - b. Calculate the total amount of the loan.
 - c. How many months will it take Justin to pay off the loan?

Month	Amount paid	Loan interest	Loan balance
0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
1	\$100	\$30	\$900
2	\$100	\$27	\$800
	\$100		
	\$100		
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Total		➔	➔

SAVING INTEREST ADDS UP – ANSWER KEY

Melanie has a balance of \$53 in her bank account.

1. She earned 2% interest on her balance.
What is her new account balance?

Do the math:

$$\$53 \times 2\% = \$1.06$$

$$\$53 + \$1.06 = \$54.06$$

➡ Answer: Melanie's balance is **\$54.06**.

2. If Melanie's balance had been \$245, how much interest would she have earned?
Do the math:

$$\$245 \times 2\% = \$4.90$$

➡ Answer: She would have earned **\$4.90** in interest.

3. **Justin borrows \$1,000 from his father**, who charges him 3% interest every month on the remaining balance. For example, the first month he would pay his father \$130, or \$100 plus 3% of \$1,000.
 - a. Calculate the total amount of interest paid.
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 - c. How many months will it take Justin to pay off the loan?

Month	Amount paid	Loan interest	Loan balance
0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
1	\$100	\$30	\$900
2	\$100	\$27	\$800
3	\$100	\$24	\$700
4	\$100	\$21	\$600
5	\$100	\$18	\$500
6	\$100	\$15	\$400
7	\$100	\$12	\$300
8	\$100	\$9	\$200
9	\$100	\$6	\$100
10	\$100	\$3	\$0
Total	\$1,000	\$165	\$0