

C.A. Chapter 1.7 notes
Problem solving: Interest

1. Betsy, a recent retiree, requires \$6000 per year in extra income. She has \$50,000 to invest and can invest in B-rated bonds paying 15% per year or in a certificate of deposit (CD) paying 5% per year. How much money should be invested in each to realize exactly \$6000 in interest per year?

15% = 0.15 5% = 0.05 ← Turn % into decimal.

insert x → $0.15x$ + $0.05(50,000 - x)$ = 6,000 (Biggest # - x) ← smaller #

$0.15x + 0.05(50,000 - x) = 6,000$

combine like terms → $\underline{0.15x} + 2500 - \underline{0.05x} = 6,000$

$0.1x + 2500 = 6,000$
- 2500 - 2500

$\frac{0.1x}{0.1} = \frac{3500}{0.1}$

$x = \boxed{35,000}$ ← This is 1st answer

Biggest # in problem → 50,000
- 35,000

$\boxed{15,000}$ ← This is 2nd answer

2. A bank loaned out \$17,000, part of it at a rate of 9% per year and the rest at 19% per year. If the interest received in one year totaled \$2500, how much was loaned at 9%?

$$9\% = 0.09$$

$$19\% = 0.19$$

← Turn % into decimal

$$\text{insert } x \rightarrow 0.09x + 0.19(17,000 - x)$$

← (Biggest # - x)

$$0.09x + 0.19(17,000 - x) = 2500$$

← smaller #

combine like terms →

$$\underline{0.09x} + 3230 - \underline{0.19x} = 2500$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1x + 3230 = 2500 \\ -3230 \quad -3230 \\ \hline 0.1x = -730 \\ \underline{0.1} \quad \underline{0.1} \end{array}$$

$$x = \boxed{7,300}$$