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Kira borrowed \$800 from a bank for 5 years and was charged simple interest. The total interest that she paid on the loan was \$320. As a percentage, what was the annual interest rate of her loan?

If necessary, refer to the [list of financial formulas](#).

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= 800 \\
 t &= 5 \text{ years} \\
 I &= 320 \\
 r &= ? \\
 320 &= 800r5 \\
 \frac{320}{4000} &= \frac{4000r}{4000} \\
 0.08 &= r
 \end{aligned}$$

Simple interest

$$I = Prt$$

I = interest
 P = Principal (standing amount)
 r = rate (in decimal)
 t = time (years)

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