

$$y = a \cdot b^x$$

$x \leftarrow$  time  
initial amount  $\rightarrow a$   
factor  $\rightarrow b$

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJsKTTkljFk> (6:03 minutes)

**As you watch the video, follow along working the problems as he does in the video.**

Decay  $\rightarrow$

1. Jaime plans to purchase a car that depreciates (loses value) at a rate of 12% per year. The initial cost of the car is \$19,000. How much money will the car be worth after 3 years?

$$a = 19,000$$
$$b = (1 - r) = (.88)$$
$$1 - .12 = .88$$

$$y = 19000(0.88)^3$$
$$y = 12947.97$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\boxed{\$12,947.97}$$

Growth

2. Bethany is opening a savings account at her local bank. She invests an initial amount of \$5000. Her bank gives  $5\frac{1}{4}\%$  interest on her account each year. How much money will Bethany have after 25 years?

$$a = 5000$$
$$b = (1 + r) = 1.0525$$
$$5.25 \rightarrow 0.0525$$
$$1 + 0.0525 = 1.0525$$

$$y = 5000(1.0525)^{25}$$
$$y = \boxed{\$17,968.95}$$

$$x = 25$$

- How much interest has Bethany accumulated over that time?

$$\begin{array}{r} 17968.95 \\ - 5000.00 \\ \hline \boxed{\$12,968.95} \end{array}$$

