

More Time is More Money

- Use Spreadsheet “**U5A5 Bi Weekly**” to enter the first loan amount, an annual interest rate and the length of the loan from your record sheet.
- **The blue cells are the ones that you should be entering information into.**
- This is what the spreadsheet looks like:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Bi-weekly amount	=B6			
2					
3	Loan Amount	5000			
4	Annual Interest Rate	0.12	Monthly Interest Rate	=B4/12	
5	Length of Loan (years)	5	Effective Interest Rate	$=((1 + D4)^{12})^{(1/26)} - 1$	
6	Payment Amount	$=((B3*D4)/(1 - (1+D4)^{-(B5*12)}))/2$			
7					
8	Payment Periods	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal Paid	Principal Remaining
9	1	=\$B\$6	=B3*D5	=B9-C9	=B3-D9
10	2	=\$B\$6	=E9*\$D\$5	=B10-C10	=E9-D10

- The bi-weekly payment amount is calculated by dividing the monthly payment by 2 (as banks do with mortgage payments).
NOTE: The effective interest rate is simply the bi-weekly rate that is equivalent to the monthly rate from before
- Convert the number of pay periods into number of years (by dividing by 26).
- Record this time under bi-weekly payments.
- Determine the total interest paid and record.
- Repeat for the remaining loan amounts.