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You lend \$100,000 at 9% Nominal interest in 2020 to be repaid in 2021

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2020

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2021

You want to earn a 4% Real interest rate

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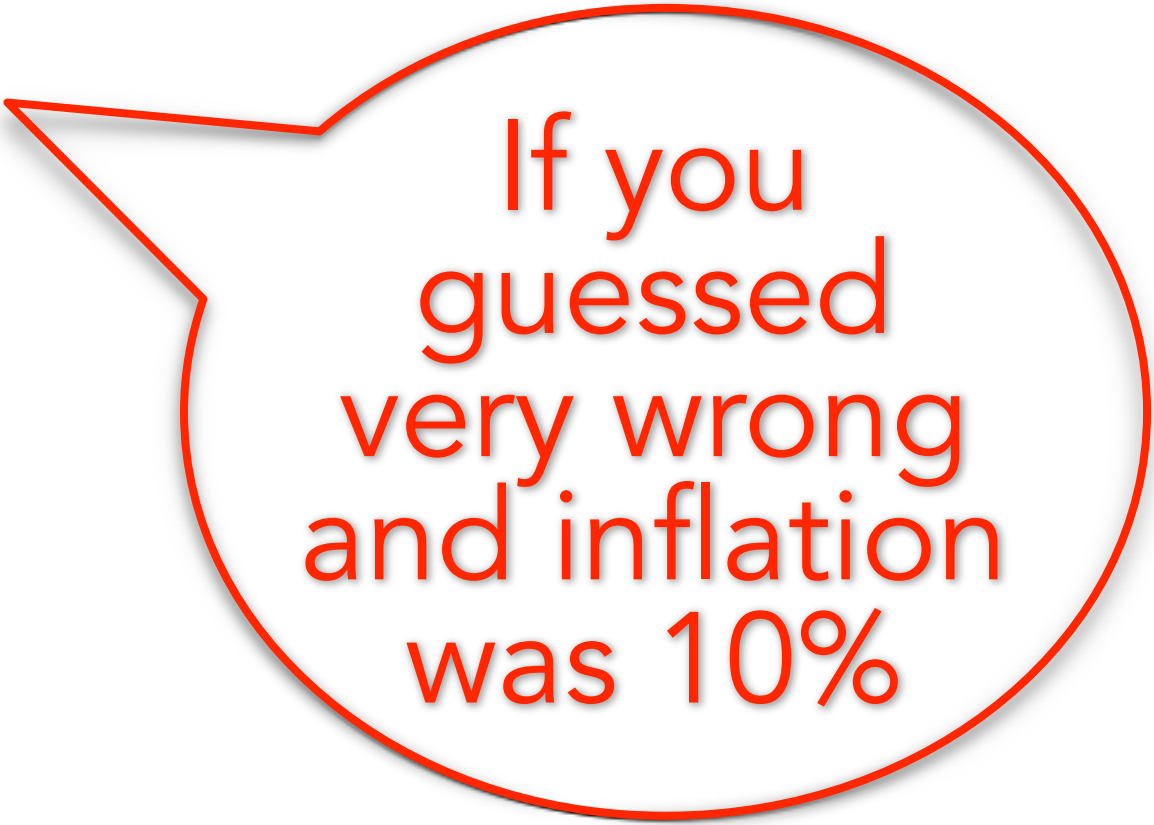


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Capital Gains