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**Good Day, Every One!**

**The Workplace Education Program at McArthur River will be active from January 28 – February 11.  Assistance will be available for any learning interests or problem solving concerns, in the Camp Learning Resource Centre, afternoons and evenings.  Drop in at any time to learn more.**

**Occupational Health Committee Training:  Level 1**

**February 9 (Tuesday)  07:30 – 18:00**

**Occupational Health Committee Training:  Level 2**

**February 10 (Wednesday)  07:30 – 18:00**

**OHC Training will be in Camp Learning Resource Centre**

**Maximum of 10 Participants for Each One Day Session**

**Open to All Employers & All Workers**

**First Come, First Served**

**Please Register by Email Reply**

**Question:  What do you call Workers in a refuge station?**

**Answer:  Refugees.**

**For Reference:**

****  [**OHS & Personal Well Being (Updated 01/2016)**](https://edunorth.wordpress.com/ohs/)

**[](http://www.economist.com/news/christmas-specials/21683979-what-happened-when-slaves-and-free-men-were-shipwrecked-together-lu00e8se)**

[**What happened when slaves and free men were shipwrecked together**](http://www.economist.com/news/christmas-specials/21683979-what-happened-when-slaves-and-free-men-were-shipwrecked-together-lu00e8se)

**The charts used by the captain of the doomed ship, *L’Utile*, on July 31st 1761 indicated nothing but ocean for hundreds of kilometres.**

**200 refugees. [were now stranded] ...a westward journey of 500km or so to Madagascar...**

**The Île de Sable. ...  is so small that a swift walker can get round it in an hour, and so barren, bar a few bushes, that it can barely support human life. Winds and waves, rolling uninterrupted from Antarctica 5,000km to the south, batter it incessantly. More recent study has established it as the tip of a dormant volcano rearing up from 4,500m below, in the depths of the western Indian Ocean.**

**(I wonder if those refugees said any bad words on that fateful day?)**

[**On a Desert Isle (C. W. Stoneking)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9JXWhM8QXw)

[**A Strategic Guide to Swearing**](http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/01/a-strategic-guide-to-swearing/419106/#0)

**‘…For one thing, cursing appears to help you endure pain. ... The liberal use of four-letter words allowed factory workers there to build solidarity and to bond over shared frustrations**[**[5]**](http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/01/a-strategic-guide-to-swearing/419106/#4)**.Researchers found similar effects in office settings, where “witty uses of coarse, casual profanity” boosted morale and lowered stress among low-level workers**[**[6]**](http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/01/a-strategic-guide-to-swearing/419106/#5)**. That said, if you prefer scaling the corporate ladder to making friends, you may want to avoid colorful language. In one experiment, participants said they would perceive a co-worker who swore in a formal meeting to be incompetent**[**[7]**](http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/01/a-strategic-guide-to-swearing/419106/#6)**.’**

[**Lowering The Bar For The New GED Test**](http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/01/27/464418078/lowering-the-bar-for-the-new-ged-test)

**Since the new GED was unveiled**[**two years ago this month,**](http://www.npr.org/2014/01/05/259886038/ged-gets-a-makeover-to-keep-pace-with-changing-workforce)**complaints have been rising. Students and teachers don't like that the high school equivalency test is now a for-profit venture, that it is more expensive than before and that it is solely computer-administered.**

**Most of all, they said,**[**it's harder.**](http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/01/09/375440666/a-sizable-decrease-in-those-passing-the-ged)**So much harder, in fact, that pass rates reportedly plummeted in many states.**

**...the number of [US] GED test takers dropped from 800,000 in 2013 to 248,000 who took the new test in 2014...**

[**School for frugal innovation**](http://www.economist.com/news/business/21679790-south-african-entrepreneurs-have-good-ideas-bringing-private-education-masses-school)

**South African entrepreneurs have good ideas for bringing private education to the masses.**

[**The War Over Comics For Kids Is Nearly Over, And Kids Are Winning**](http://www.npr.org/sections/monkeysee/2016/01/05/462020653/the-war-over-comics-for-kids-is-nearly-over-and-kids-are-winning)

**“Hey, Teacher!  Leave them kids alone!”**

[**So Much to Read, So Little Time: How Do We Read, and Can Speed Reading Help?**](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/speed_reading.html)

**... claims that people can read at super speed while maintaining good comprehension are overstated and not in line with what we know about the way language is visually and cognitively processed.**

[**Brain game maker Lumosity fined $2 million for false advertising**](http://news.sciencemag.org/brain-behavior/2016/01/brain-game-maker-lumosity-fined-2-million-false-advertising)

**FTC has penalized several other companies for similarly misleading advertisements, including**[**Focus Education**](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2015/01/makers-jungle-rangers-computer-game-kids-settle-ftc-charges-they)**, which is geared towards children, and**[**Carrot Technology**](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2015/09/ftc-charges-marketers-vision-improvement-app-deceptive-claims)**, a training program aimed at improving eyesight, and more are likely to follow…**

[**Grammar rules aren’t nearly as clear-cut as we thought**](http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/01/grammar-rules-aren-t-nearly-clear-cut-we-thought)

**The results could affect everything from research into how the human brain processes language to building speech recognition software.**

[**Skimming Uranium from the Sea**](http://science.energy.gov/bes/highlights/2015/bes-2015-08-a/)

**This is the first known demonstration of a bacterial system used to mine ocean-based uranium that reduces the expense while increasing the selectivity of current methods available. The overall method developed could find broad applications in sequestration and bioremediation of water-soluble uranium and similar transuranic elements. This biotechnology method could also have similar applications to other low-concentration ions in solution.**

**With special thoughts for all those affected by tragedies:**

[**Blessed Are (Joan Baez)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BL_LNVIzqFQ)

**Wishing you peace in your heart.**

**Yours,**

**Damian**

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