

# Tech Beat

*Technology with a heartbeat*

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## Easy-Reading Workplace Activities to Use with Your Learners

How many times have you heard students tell you they were interested in auto-mechanics, cosmetology, welding, nursing, electronics, computers, or child development?

Adults learn to read, write, add and compute faster and better if they learn in the context of their interests. So why not move away sometimes from the repetitious test-taking and blank-filling activities, and have students just enjoy learning something they like?

To explore, go to <http://www.google.com> and enter *math for welding, what is cosmetology, definition of electrical current, how the body works, human anatomy, math for auto-mechanics, chemistry of nails, child abuse, violence, building skills, the earth*, or anything else you want. There is so much out there on fun things to learn about subjects our adults love. Sift through a few or have students get online and search to find information that is engaging and easy to read. After that? Print it out, or have students save sites in their portfolios for you to see later; ask for summaries of problem-solving solutions, discuss topics in group, and you know the rest!

Following are two great links. Come to CAEPA and I may just give you a CD with lots and lots more...

[http://worklink.coe.utk.edu/workers\\_learners.htm](http://worklink.coe.utk.edu/workers_learners.htm)—We are partners with [Western Pacific LINCS](#), which took me to the grrrrreat resources on this page. Unusual to find low-level reading materials of this quality. Click away!

<http://www.readiowa.org/workplacemath/contents.html>—This site gives you access to a complete set of pre and post assessment materials and handouts for learning shop math. Free!

**Our New Look!** —>> <http://www.swadulted.com>. Check it out!

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## Financial Information for Students \$\$\$\$\$

A couple of years ago, we created a few video clips to accompany Money Smart, FDIC's excellent materials on basic banking terms and transactions. I highly recommend the series, which is FREE. The ten units include all handouts, transparencies, scripts, and time estimates for low-level reading adults on their way to meeting their banking needs.

To get a very short overview of the units, go to <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/overview.html>. To order the FREE folder (huge and filled with big letters, easy reading and instructions, pictures, everything), go to <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/index.html> and click on the ORDER link on the left.

I also checked out hundreds of free resources at the FTC site. You'll find valuable information on any aspect of financial responsibility. Go to <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm> and click on any area.