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Hey all!

As this is my first post I guess I'll introduce myself a bit, and then get in to the good stuff! I'm a soon-to-be graduate of the University of Western Ontario's Althouse College with my Bachelor of Education. My teachables currently are Chemistry and General Science, but in the coming months and/or years I'll be getting teachables in Physics, Biology, Earth Science, and Math, so I guess you could call me a Science Enthusiast. It's a great attribute to have when you're also an internet junky and wannabe Blogger, which is what brings me to you! This summer I'll be doing a short stint in the United Kingdom to get my teaching career off the ground, so hopefully I'll be able to shed some light on what education is like across the puddle while still bringing you the funny/interesting/weird science-related pages the internet has to offer!

To break the bottle at the maiden voyage ceremony I thought I'd give everyone a quick taste of my favourite web comic author and former NASA roboticist, Randall Munroe, the author of xkcd (xkcd.com). Munroe I suppose it was due to recent disaster that struck Japan, but Munroe has created this handy chart to illustrate the dose of radiation a person can absorb from different sources such as other nuclear disasters, medical scans, and natural radiation.

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