French-Speaking Kitchen Teaches You How To Cook

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Developed by Newcastle University, the kitchen uses the language of food to teach you français. It’s based on the idea of Task-Based Language Learning (TBLL), which essentially gets you learning the language by associating it with actually doing something meaningful, rather than just stuck in a classroom with 'écoute et répète'. It’ll track your motions and bark out instructions in French as you proceed through the recipe step-by-step.

The kitchen will be available for installation into schools, colleges, universities and even your own home, if that’s your thing. And while TBLL isn’t new, this is the first time it’s been used for “instruction in a fashionable life skill like cooking”. And there I thought cooking was a necessity, rather than fashionable like a meat dress on Lady Gaga.

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