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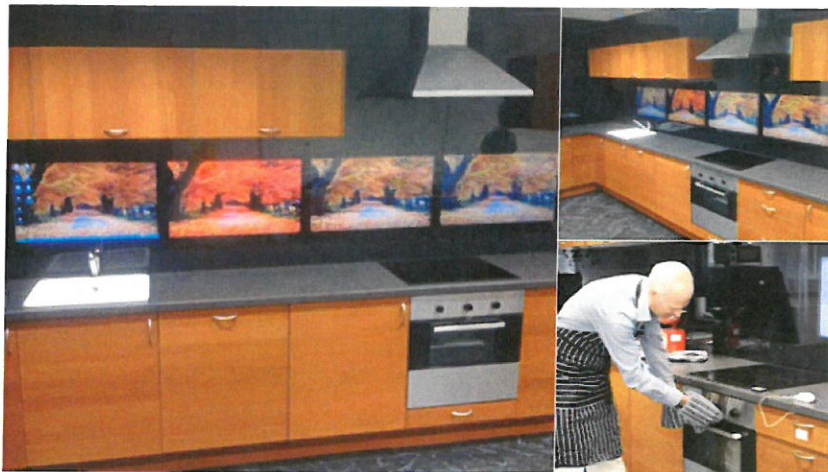


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French-Speaking Kitchen Teaches You How To Cook



Sam Gibbs - The easiest way to learn a language is by doing it *in situ*, and what better way than using our French cousins' favourite language? No, not the language of love — the language of *food*.

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 'ecoute et repete'. 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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