

## Voxy Blog

Learn a language from life

ALREADY A MEMBER? [LOG IN](#)



[Get started now!](#)

[Skip to content](#)

- [Linguistics](#)
- [Learning](#)
- [Life](#)
- [Community](#)
- [Research](#)
- [Tech](#)
- [News](#)

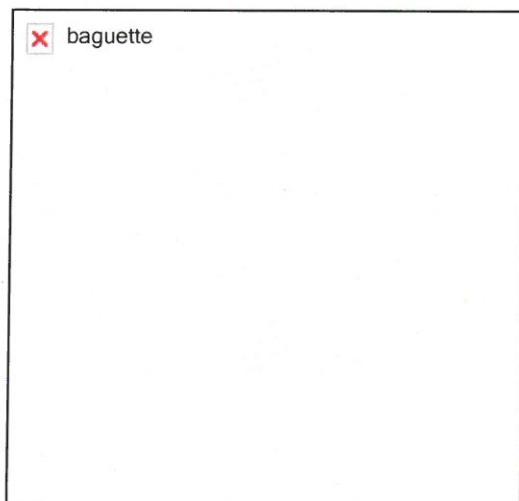
---

## [Life](#)

---

# Pardon My French, but the @#\$%ing Baguette is Talking!!!

Voxy on 11/1/11



Learning a language does not have to be tedious, nor entail excruciating memorization sessions or boring text books. And *that* we know very well here at [Voxy](#).

But a group of researchers at England's [Newcastle University](#) have put a cutting edge tech spin

on [Task-Based Language Learning](#) by creating an “interactive” kitchen that will speak and teach French, and walks learners through baking a delicious dish while practicing the language of *l'amour*.

[Newcastle's interactive kitchen](#) keeps track of what its users are doing, and uses the French language to guide them in preparing a French dish. It is sort of an automotive navigation system that provides the cook -and language learner- verbal step-by-step instructions, doled out as the user successfully completes each task.

How does it work exactly? *C'est très facile!*

Users first access a connected computer, on which they select the dish they want to prepare. As they receive instructions, digital sensors in the utensils (a peeler, a whisk, a mixing bowl) or in the ingredients register whether or not those instructions are being followed correctly. The instructions are worded in such a way that they contribute to the student's understanding of French in general. If the student makes a mistake, the computer verbally notifies them. *Voilà!*

Watch the French Digital Kitchen in action and tell us: Which combination of language-cuisine would you love to have in your own digital kitchen? Spanish-paella? Brazilian-feijoada? Italian-tiramisú?



0

(Visited 28 times, 28 visits today)

---

#### RELATED POSTS

1. [Weekend Recap: Bilingual Infants, Talking to Dolphins & More](#)
2. [Super Bowl Resources for the ESL/EFL Classroom](#)
3. [Could the Virtual Classroom Replace Traditional Teaching?](#)
4. [Cultural Stereotypes Through the Lens of Google Search \[SCREENSHOTS\]](#)
5. [Icelandic Language Learning Website Continues to Grow](#)

#### Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked \*

Name \*