

Vizbot prototype idea

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Content of Vizbot:

- It pulls on visual and aural sources in response to key words and questions
- Its fundamental premise is that it is multi-modal and its responses do not have to be in written text
- It will pull on child-friendly specified sources

Purpose of Vizbot:

- To provoke discussion and thought
- Its open-ended nature will allow for open-ended interpretation
- It can be used within a classroom or on its own to engender interest: e.g. It can be used in any language classroom to provoke conversation or in any subject

Significant Educational Relationships:

- Vizbot will be at times amusing, provocative, and informative
- It will encourage collaborative learning in a classroom
- It will provide inspiration or interest
- It may, after a lot of data churning, start 'communicating', playing at the boundaries of human and non-human

How to?

Type in a word and it will choose a photo, audio clip or video in response

And then?

Muse, think, look up links, discuss, teach, learn

2 Examples of photos that could be generated to the following prompts:

Type in: 'Possibility'

(Lai Chi-wai, a paraplegic climber, attempts to scale the 320m (1050ft) tall Nina Tower in Hong Kong using only his upper body strength. On this attempt, he completed 250m in strong winds, in 10 hours, to raise money for spinal cord patients.)



Type in: 'Farewell'

(Earlier that day, the then President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump depart the White House to board Marine One for the final time.)



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