

Flying Food

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Transcript

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a flying waiter.

Due to a lack of staff, **restaurateurs** in Singapore have started to use **drones** to get food from the kitchens to the **diners**.

The robots fly over the heads of customers on paths **charted** by a computer.

But are these foodies ready for service without **the human touch**?

What do these words mean?

Key words:

restaurateurs

drones

diners

charted

the human touch

To do

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

restaurateurs / drone / diners / charted / the human touch

1. Locations of public toilets in the capital should be _____ in a map before 2012, according to a report.
2. _____ in Surrey have been targeted by thieves who broke into their cars parked in the grounds of a restaurant.
3. Asian _____ in Glasgow say they have invented a new curry that will become the nation's favourite dish.
4. "There is nothing wrong with making smarter use of technology to help people manage health conditions... However, it is always important to ensure technology is only used where it delivers real benefits and to recognise that it is no substitute for _____."
5. The Chinese manufacturer of a _____ that crashed into the White House lawn earlier this week is taking action to prevent repeat incidents.

Discussion

Give a brief explanation of your answers using the questions below.

1. Do you think people will have robots as companions, instead of a pet?
2. What name would you give to your robot?
3. Would you rather deal with a robot or a human clerk in a local government department?
4. Would a robot be a better leader than the leader of your country?