

Most popular baby names revealed 英国最受欢迎的婴儿名字揭晓

英国国家统计局（**Office for National Statistics**）公布了 2018 年最受欢迎的婴儿名字。他们发现，一部名为《浴血黑帮》（**Peaky Blinders**）的电视剧激发了一些人给孩子起名字的灵感。

Aida and Arthur might be gaining **popularity**, but they haven't managed to **knock** Olivia and Oliver **off the top spot** yet - with 4,598 girls called Olivia and 5,390 boys named Oliver born in England and Wales last year.

尽管阿依达（**Aida**）和亚瑟（**Arthur**）可能越来越受欢迎，但它们还没能把奥利维亚（**Olivia**）和奥利弗（**Oliver**）挤下榜首。去年，有 **4598** 个被取名为奥利维亚的女孩和 **5390** 个被取名为奥利弗的男孩在英格兰和威尔士出生。

Coming in second for the girls was Amelia, and George for the boys. **Unsurprisingly**, the name Alexa halved in a year, possibly due to potential confusion with Amazon's **smart speaker**.

排名第二的女孩名是阿米莉亚（**Amelia**），男孩名是乔治（**George**）。不出所料，女孩名亚莉克莎（**Alexa**）的使用量在一年内减半，这可能是因为它与亚马逊智能音箱的语音助手同名，从而可能会发生混淆。

Meanwhile, in Scotland, Olivia **grabbed the top spot** again for the girls, with Jack for the boys. And it was **a tie** between Noah and James in Northern Ireland along with Grace for a girl.

与此同时，在苏格兰，奥利维亚（**Olivia**）再次夺得女孩名排行榜冠军，杰克（**Jack**）排男孩名首位。男孩名诺亚（**Noah**）和詹姆斯（**James**）在北爱尔兰打成平手，格蕾丝（**Grace**）是北爱尔兰最受欢迎的女孩名。

1. 词汇表

popularity	流行
knock (someone) off the top spot	挤下榜首位置
unsurprisingly	不出所料，在预料之中
smart speaker	智能音箱
grabbed	得到，夺取到
top spot	榜首
a tie	（比赛）打成平局，不分胜负

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. What was the most popular name for a boy last year in Scotland?
2. Why has the name Alexa become less popular?
3. True or false? *Arthur has become the most popular boy's name in England and Wales.*
4. Is this the first time Olivia has been the most popular name for girls in Scotland?

3. 答案

1. What was the most popular name for a boy last year in Scotland?

Jack 'grabbed the top spot for boys' names in Scotland (ie: It was the most popular.)

2. Why has the name Alexa become less popular?

The name Alexa halved in a year, possibly due to potential confusion with Amazon's smart speaker.

3. True or false? *Arthur has become the most popular boy's name in England and Wales.*

False. The name Arthur has gained in popularity but Oliver is still the most popular boys name in England and Wales.

4. Is this the first time Olivia has been the most popular name for girls in Scotland?

No. Olivia grabbed the top spot again for the girls' names in Scotland.