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## “诺亚”取代“奥利弗”成为英国最受欢迎男孩名字

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诺亚（Noah）取代连续八年蝉联“最受欢迎男孩名”榜单冠军的奥利弗（Oliver），登上榜首。英格兰和威尔士 2021 年的官方出生数据显示，奥莉维娅（Olivia）连续第六年荣登“最受欢迎女孩名”榜首。

More than 3,500 baby girls were given the name Olivia last year, **cementing** its place as **the firm favourite** since 2016.

去年，超过 3500 个女婴被取名叫奥莉维娅，巩固了自 2016 年以来奥利维娅最受欢迎的地位。

But after eight years at the top, Oliver **fell to** second place for baby boys with Noah **taking the crown** – being chosen more than 4,500 times in 2021.

然而，在连续八年蝉联“最受欢迎男孩名”榜首后，奥利弗跌至第二，诺亚则摘得桂冠。在 2021 年，有 4500 多个男婴被取名叫诺亚。

New entries to the top 100 include Lara and Beatrice for girls and Blake and Brody for boys. But other names have been described by the ONS as '**endangered**'.

首次入围女孩名榜单前 100 名的有劳拉（Lara）、碧翠斯（Beatrice），首次入围男孩名榜单前 100 名的有布莱克（Blake）和布洛迪（Brody）。但与此同时，也有一些名字被英国国家统计局描述为“面临消失的危险”。

There have been fewer than ten new Nigels and five Glendas each year since 2018.

自 2018 年以来，每年名叫奈杰尔（Nigel）的新增人数不到十，而格伦达（Glenda）则不到五。

### 1. 词汇表

cementing	巩固
the favourite	最受欢迎的名字，最讨人喜欢的名字
fell to	跌至
taking the crown	夺冠，取得第一名
endangered	面临消失的危险

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. True or false? *Oliver became the second most popular boy's name last year.*
2. What was the most popular baby girl's name in 2021?
3. How many times was Noah chosen?
4. What were some of the new entries to the top 100?

### 3. 答案

1. True or false? *Oliver became the second most popular boy's name last year.*

**True. After eight years at the top, Oliver was replaced by Noah and fell to the second place.**

2. What was the most popular baby girl's name in 2021?

**Olivia was the most popular baby girl's name.**

3. How many times was Noah chosen?

**Noah was chosen 4,500 times in 2021.**

4. What were some of the new entries to the top 100?

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