**Weekend update Oct 20, 2018**

Microsoft co-founder dies at age 65

Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft and **long-time friend** of Bill Gates, passed away at the age of 65 due to cancer. Allen was known for his influence in the computer revolution and his philanthropy.

Saudi journalist killed by government

Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was tortured and died in a Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The Saudi government claimed his death was accidental, but evidence suggests it was deliberate. The incident has sparked a huge diplomatic row with the US and the UK.

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US crowned most competitive economy

The World Economic Forum has released its latest report on global competitiveness, and the US **topped the list**. Singapore **followed close behind** in second place, and China was in 28th. The list looked at 140 economies based on social, political and economic factors.

At the box office 票房情况

Despite excellent reviews, “First Man”, which chronicles the story of Neil Armstrong’s life and moon landing, has **stumbled** at the box office. “A Star is Born”, starring Lady Gaga, continues to be a box office hit. Also, Sony’s new Venom anti-hero movie has gained financial success in its third week of theatrical release.

**Oct 22 戴森卷发棒**

一直以来戴森都是黑科技的代名词 “黑科技”在英语中可以这样表示：

Unconventional tech products

英语中还有一个词叫“gadget”通常用来形容那些small & innovative小工具。

Curling iron:卷发棒

If I don't curl my hair, it looks messy. 如果我不卷头发，发型看起来就很乱。

She has curly hair. 她头发很卷。

这款备受追捧的产品一经上架，每天都被瞬间抢空：

Sold out: 售罄，卖光

另外，也可以用shelves（货架）来表示发售和卖光：

It finally hit shelves: 正式发行，销售

They fly off the shelves: （商品）被抢购一空

It comes with multiple accessories. 配备有多个美发配件

英语中有很多有意思的说法可以表达“价格太贵”：

It costs a pretty penny. 虽然penny是美分的意思，但这个说法是在表达价格太高。

It costs an arm and a leg.和中文里“卖肾”来买某件昂贵的东西有些类似。

Pomade: 润发油

最后，两个和头发有关的英语小知识

头发hair是不可数名词，不可以用hairs，因为在这里是不可数名词I have a lot of **hair.**

白头发不是white hair而是Gray hair 除非头发完全花白

Hey, Alana. I haven’t seen you here since you started your new business.

I guess you’ve gotten pretty busy.

Yeah, it’s great but there are a million little menial tasks that I get bogged down in, so I end up working late every day.

Have you tried applying the 80/20 rule?

You mean the Pareto Principle of the vital few and trivial many?

In theory, yes. But it’s super hard to put it into practice. I would love to only focus on the most important 20%. The problem is there’s no one to **pick up the slack**

Hmm, that makes sense.

You see, most people run into the temptation to clear up the small things first, but then end up busying themselves all day with those trivial tasks.

Yeah, I’m guilty of that.

I was too, but using the 80/20 rule has really helped me focus and upped my productivity. Maybe if I do the same then I’ll have to come to the gym more often.