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One piece of lettuce, please. Yes, in some countries, vending machines will distribute fresh lettuce leaves for your pocket change. What a time to be alive. Vending machines have come a long way since their subpar offers nuds, crisps and canned soda. Instead, they have turned into ingenious low-cost markets packed with products that make you say: Why don't I think about it? Like those that sell anything from live bait to ballet flats to passers-by with money to burn. Vending machines around the world are becoming their own versions of ATMs and Red Box, spitting out unusual but shiny products in exchange for a small coin. Don't believe us? Here are 15 strange things you can buy at vending machines around the world. 1. Surgical Masks When air quality deteriorates in Japan, head to the vending machine. | Koldunovi/Stock/Getty Images Air quality issues in Japan are so common that surgical mask vending machines are actually a thing. When people fall ill or cloud pollution descends on the city, residents can quickly grab a surgical mask. At one point they were even considered fashionable among Japanese teenagers. Next: It's definitely not your average vending machine item 2. Caviar craves caviar? Get ready to spend \$500 a pop in the vending machine. | Fox/Stock/Getty Images It's official. The vending machine's culinary standards have been raised. You can opt out of stale blueberry cupcakes in places like Moscow and Los Angeles in exchange for caviar, escargot, and other lovely delicacies. But get ready to give up a little more than a free change in the machine for this food. Beverly Hills Caviar has products that sell for \$500 an ounce. Next: Men's Lifeline 3. Neckties If you are late for a meeting, visit a Japanese tie vending machine. | Asikk/Stock/Getty Images You never know when you'll be called in an interview with your boss or get asked to play the role of business manager for extra money. But when this day is hired, Japanese tie vending machines have a spin. A personal stylist is not included. Next: Get rich with this type of vending machine 4. Gold Believe it or not, you can get gold from vending machines. | Joe Raedle/Getty Images Country: USA, UAE, UK, and more Leave it for Dubai citizens to casually buy real gold bars from a vending machine. The gold go machine is found in countless countries around the world - because who doesn't like gold? Even those who hit it big in Las Vegas can invest their winnings in pure bullion on a whim. Next: Human products for sale in vending machines 5. Do you want to change your doing on the go? There is a vending machine for this. | Licsiren/Stock/Getty Images center or hair salon, when you can get hair extensions from the vending machine, pronto? These buddies are popping up all over and in other countries. Color, style, synthetic, or human, all of this is available for purchase. Next: the vending machine everyone wants 6. Champagne Champagne vending machines are caught in big cities. | Randy Shropshire/Getty Images Country: UK, USA There's always something to toast, so let's raise a glass in vending machines that now sell champagne thirsty patrons. Department stores in London have had a savvy business sense for installing champagne dispensers that sell bottles for \$29 a pop in a store. Rowdy U.S. cities like Las Vegas, New York, and New Orleans have also introduced similar machines. Not that anyone's complaining. Next: For your shopping pleasure 7. T-shirts and underwear clothing vending machines are popular in Japan. | Peshkov/Stock/Getty Images Japan seems to be a master of all trade things, to the point where automatic purchases are intertwined in their culture. Busy people can find almost everything inside the car here. Spill something unpleasant on a T-shirt? There is a vending machine for this. Ladies, do you need a bra? A lingerie store in Japan has your back. A size chart and that's it. Next: the vending machine, which is pure genius 8. Cupcake cupcake vending machines are starting to catch all over the U.S. Andrew Burton / Getty Images In what was perhaps the biggest stroke of genius to date, Sprinkles Cupcakes debuted the world's first cupcake vending machine in major cities like Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Las Vegas, and New York in 2012. Late night cravings are not suitable for this touchscreen that distributes the freshly baked cupcake of your choice instantly. Again, no complaints here. It just begs the question, what took so long? Next: Unexpected Decision 9. Umbrellas caught in the rain? Japanese vending machines are covered. | Evgenyatamanenko/Stock/Getty Images If you haven't caught on yet, it's all about convenient buying momentum in Japan. They have created a lucrative low-cost market for goods that people often need as a last resort. Case and point? Umbrella vending machines are all over the country as customers pay only \$2 to stay dry. Next: Yes, you can actually buy this next product from Vending Machine 10. Raw meat Believe it or not, there are raw meat vending machines. | Pilipphoto/Stock/Getty Images When a butcher is out of reach, find a vending machine with the same offers. Places in Seattle, Washington and Paris offer raw steaks and chops for those who crave filet for hours. Other companies introduced and tested similar products years ago, but there was simply no demand. Customers appear to be coming up with the idea in 2018 as new raw meat dosing vending machines are popping up across America. Next: Fingers crossed this vending machine item comes to the U.S. soon! 11. French fries This machine potatoes in just 90 seconds. | George Gobet/Getty Images/Getty Country: Canada, Australia, Belgium, and more Chinese company, Beyondte Technology, created the Robo French Fry Machine in 2008, which provides customers with hot fries in just 90 seconds. But other companies have snagged and created their own version of dosing these golden fried potato sticks. This one may not be too odd considering how many people consider French fries their own food group, but it's brilliant no-less. Next: This vending machine is back on popular demand 12. Thi Machine Books spreads literacy. | Bob Levey/Getty Images The book of vending machines sound like the dream of every book worm. This automatic printing technology has been around for decades in airports and urban areas, but has been hit with mixed reviews. Maybe millennials trying to bring back libraries will help rebuild these machines in search of instant literacy across the country. Next: The vending machine changes the game of food 13. Burritos Burritobox helps people meet their cravings. | Philip Herett Photography/Stock/Getty Images Leave it to millennials to create a thriving business out of burrito vending machines. Wildly successful - and illusory - Burritobox offers different kinds of pre-made burritos available for instant purchase. Take tortilla chips, guac and sauce on the side for an extra fee. With so many consumers ditching traditional restaurant chains for something more unique, this amazingly strange vending machine appears at the right time. Next: the vending machine we all waited for 14. Fresh Food Farms Fresh Foods has hit vending machines. | UserG115966731/Stock/Getty Images Fresh is not an adjective that we usually assign to any vending machine product, but Farmer's Fridge vending machine is trying to change that. They bring fresh produce to Chicago with salads, fruits and other healthy dishes. Other companies have debuted similar products that update traditional vending machines food into something a little more nutritious - to relieve on-the-go eaters. Next: Busy parents will love this next one! 15. Mother diapers around the world can be grateful for these diaper dispensers. | Laboko/Stock/Getty Images Jessica Alba Honest Company has opened automatic airport kiosks equipped with travel essentials in countless terminals across the country. The machines offer customers a much-needed lifeline in the form of toothpaste, lotion, diapers, napkins, swimming trunks and deodorant for a true flight delay emergency. Follow Lauren on Twitter @la_hamer. Check out the Cheat sheet on Facebook! Getty Images Box Brands, a Los Angeles-based company that originally made a name for itself with a burrito vending machine, plans to take it Fast food machine concept to the next level and is working on drive-through pizza ATM. According to Business Insider, the company that this new pizzabox machine will be able to create a 10-inch pie in just 90 seconds. It will even be able to add toppings, and will cost only \$5 a pop. As a Burrito Vending Machine, we can only imagine that the pizzabox will use a touchscreen interface, and as the company explains, there will be no microwave involved - all 'zas will be made using your own pizza oven inside the machine. It won't hit the streets of Los Angeles for months though, so try to be patient. Find more great food content on Delish: Search for the perfect recipe with our homepage Learn the latest nutrition news Get a recipe book to save your favorite dishes Sign up for our free newsletters Check us out on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter RELATED: Don't Sweat: Cold Noodle Salads for Hot Summer Days Green Smoothies That Will Deceive the Whole Family 9 Gorgeous Grill Desserts This Is Created and Supported by a Third Party , and is imported to this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content on the piano.io Since Apple recently show that its Services business now has 270 million subscribers, the non-iPhone, non-hardware side of the company's business has just gotten very real. In its second-quarter earnings report earlier this week, Apple said Apple Music, the App Store, and iCloud all hit new quarterly record earnings figures. iCloud data storage revenue has grown by more than 50% over the past year and reached a new record. And AppleCare's revenue grew at its fastest pace in five quarters. In 2016, Apple said it would double revenue from its services by 2020, and Tim Cook said the business was on track to do so. Apple has known for years that the crazy success of the iPhone won't last forever, and that it will need some other business to pick up the slack. This is brought in even more stark attention with more news this week about the decline of global markets for smartphones and tablets. Selling digital content and services is natural for Apple because it takes the direct advantage of more than a billion devices already in use in the wild. iPhone (and other iDevices) are essentially like small vending machines for digital services such as Apple Music, Apple Pay, Siri, iCloud and other services. While many vending machines are in use, and the variety of Digital Services Apple has the potential to sell through them, the market opportunity is simply huge. Can Apple's service business become bigger than its hardware business? Everything we're going in that direction. Apple's content and services are delivered to users from huge data centers. Apple now data centers in Maiden, North Carolina; Reno, Nevada; Mesa, Arizona; Newark, California; and Prineville, Oregon. The company announced plans to set up another data center in Wauki, Iowa, as well as one in Ireland, two in Denmark and two in I recently visited one in Reno and can attest to their enormous size and capabilities. Apple's data center space is growing much faster than the production space it uses to build the iPhone and other Apple devices. Related: Why Apple is spending \$1.9 billion to open data centers in Denmark and IrelandApple hesitated to use the music subscription model before it finally launched Apple Music; Apple Music now has more than 40 million paid subscribers. And there are plenty of opportunities to move into new areas of subscription services. Apple can (and is) committed to offering a new subscription-based TV service some of the content that can be purchased by Apple itself. It can offer a service that collects and organizes all your medical data. Apple can turn itself into something like Amazon Prime, which provides a number of convenient services that make life a little easier. Apple can double privacy by providing a kind of secure personal data repository for all kinds of data, not just data collected by Apple devices or services. And let's not forget the Apple Watch. As the number of those devices out in the wild grows (probably around 40 million today), so it makes the opportunity to deliver digital services that work especially well on a wrist-worn device. Apple Pay is already a great example. On an analyst call earlier this week, Tim Cook noted that the use of the Apple Watch for wireless public transport payment has become extremely popular in Japan. Why it wasn't included for use in more urban transportation systems in the U.S. is beyond me. Another extremely promising case of use for Watch is found in health systems. Nothing is more personal than a person's medical data, and there is a movement in motion to put more control over this data in the hands of users (rather than wall it all on the servers of a health care provider). This is the mindset behind Apple Health Records, the expansion of the Health app in iOS, which allows patients to see a subset of data in their electronic medical record (EHR). This includes things like allergies, medications, conditions, and laboratory results. Ideally, all this important information can be bundled with other financial information and delivered via a device pass through the reader at a clinic or hospital. In other words, a patient can check their identity with one stroke, confirm that their own health data matches those on the health care system server, transmit insurance information, pay a co-payment, and possibly even transmit a digital signature for forms and releases. The watch can be used to distribute a timely follow-up or care information and instructions for patients. In many hospitals and clinics, the process of sharing all kinds of clinical and financial data with the patient is extremely inefficient, redundant and prone to errors. Apple can play a key role in improving the improvement for both the health consumer and health care providers. And that doesn't say anything about the potential role of watch using its sensors to collect meaningful clinical data from the wearer's body for clinicians. Before Apple announced its earnings this week, many in the analytical community were concerned that Apple's sales at the top of the phone line, the \$1,000 iPhone X, were flagging. Apple has largely calmed those concerns by reporting better-than-expected iPhone sales for the first three months of 2018. But the good news about the progress of the services business certainly reinforces the calming effect. The service provides a much needed valve with pressure for the phone business and this may well become much more than in the future. Related: Why Apple is the most innovative company in the world, as it happens, Services can lend its gravitational pull to the phone business. Features included in each iPhone build can become more strictly conditioned by the services that the device is designed to deliver. It is also possible that the price of iPhones may be driven down as Apple becomes as concerned about filling the market with a lot of vending machines as it comes to profiting from the phones themselves. In the long run, Apple's service business could eventually become a big part of Tim Cook's legacy as a thoughtful manager of Jobs' vision. Steve Jobs provided and realized the jackpot, which is an iPhone, but Cook may be the guy to make him pay and pay. Pay.

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