



## PARENT GUIDE



## A picture is worth a thousand words, but what about emojis?

These small icons have become a language of their own. You, your kids and your grandkids use them, but not all in the same way. If you have ever looked at a text thread with bewilderment, wondering why your child sent you a skull emoji when you said something funny—or a nails emoji when you didn't say anything about getting your nails done—then this guide is for you!


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# Faces Faces Faces





 **(Grinning Face)** = Used sarcastically, similar to the single tear emoji.


 **(Slightly Smiling Face)** = Meant to convey being passive-aggressive or sarcastic.


 **(Upside-Down Face)** = Similar meaning to above, but showing more discontentment, displeasure, or frustration.


 **(Astonished Face)** = Surprise or judgment.




 **(Relieved Face)** = Trying to contain your excitement/be nonchalant.

 **(Loudly Crying Face)** = Something was so funny you started to cry (can also be used to display shock or surprise).

 **(Pleading Face)** = Sad, desiring comfort, can be used after expressing something vulnerable. Used to express sadness, whereas the loudly crying face emoji above can be used for sadness, but also disappointment, irony, etc.



 **(Face in Clouds)** = Hiding, having your head in the clouds about something.


 **(Face With Single Tear)** = Despair. Used when things are hanging on by a thread. Can also be used when something is so bad/painful it is funny, 'I accidentally said I love you to my boss at the end of a work call.'

 **(Face With Peeking Eye)** &  **(Disguised Face)** = Hiding oneself after saying something direct to try to soften the message (ex: "I forgot to defrost the chicken like you asked, Mom ").


 **(Face With Raised Eyebrow)** = Suspicious.

 **(Kissing Face)** = Casual approval, positive.

 **(Zany Face)** = Feeling silly, lightens up something disappointing or sad (ex: "Got an F on my algebra final ").


 **(Cowboy Hat Face)** = Smiling through the pain. Similar usage to Zany Face.

 **(Nerd Face)** = Childlike excitement/dorkiness.


 **(Cold Face)** = Being cold, emotionally and/or physically.

 **(Woozy Face)** = Unease.

 **(Blushing Face, Hand Over Mouth)** = Excitement.

 **(Saluting Face)** = Agreement, a sign of respect. The emoticon version of "Yes, Sir!"

 **(Face Without Mouth)** = At a loss for words.


 **(Melting Face)** = Overwhelmed, a sinking feeling of dread.





# Good to Know






 **(Bullseye)** = Used to say that something is accurate.

 **(Clown)** = Describing someone being foolish.



**(Chart Increasing & Chart Decreasing)** = Things going well, or poorly (depending on direction of chart).

 **(Eyes)** = Many different meanings, mostly used to display suspicion. Can also be used as a way to inquire for more information (ex: “I heard you and Alex got in a fight ”).

 **(Eyes & Lips)** = A display of shock, recreating a deadpan face.




**(Fire)** = Used to say that something is “fire” (meaning good, or cool).



**(Folded Hands)** = Used to say thank you.



**(Heart Hands)** = Used in place of the traditional  emoji.



**(Hundred Points)** = Used to signal agreement with something.




**(Man With White Cane)** = Choosing to make a decision, even if someone knows it’s a bad idea (going in blind to something or ignoring red flags).



**(See-No-Evil Monkey)** = Being shy.



**(Sparkles)** = Used to lighten the mood (ex: “Just spilled my coffee all over my white pants ”).






**(Woman Kneeling)** = Pleading. A way of asking someone for something desperately.







# Not What You Think They Mean




 **(Skull)** = Something was so funny that you died. This is used instead of the laughing crying emoji () by Gen Z/Alpha.


 **(Billed Cap)** = Derived from the slang word “that’s cap” which refers to calling out someone for telling a lie.

 **(Thumbs Up)** = Seen as outdated, can be used sarcastically to show approval. Can also be passive-aggressive (ex: “Thanks for ruining Sarah’s surprise party ”).

 **(Lip Bite)** = Flirting, is usually sarcastic (ex: “I love when my husband wears cargo shorts ”).

 **(Nails)** = Positive use: used to give affirmation. Negative use: to insinuate a guy is being fruity.

 **(Pregnant Woman)** = When somebody is so attractive that just seeing them makes you pregnant.

 **(Hourglass)** = To compliment a woman with an hourglass figure.

 **(Red Heart)** = Used to express love and to soften rejection.

 **(Peach)** = Butt.



# Be Aware Of



**(Cherries)** = Boobs, testicles, or virginity.



**(Eggplant)** = Male genitalia.



**(Cat)** = Female genitalia.



**(Hot Face)** = Physical attraction.




**(Sweat Droplets)** = Can express sexual attraction or refer to sexual fluids.



**(Ear of Corn)** = Refers to porn, especially on platforms where the word is banned.



**(Squirt Gun)** = Used like a gun emoji (before it was removed), to communicate being upset about something, or someone (ex: "I was on my way to Chick-fil-A but realized it was Sunday ").



**(Knife)** = Similar to a squirt gun, used to add a layer of humor but to show you're upset about something.



**(Leaf Fluttering in Wind)** = This and other green leaf emojis can be used to symbolize marijuana.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS:

**What emoji do I use the most?**

**If you could make your own emoji, what would it be?**

**What is your favorite and least favorite emoji to receive? Why?**





# CONVERSATIONS

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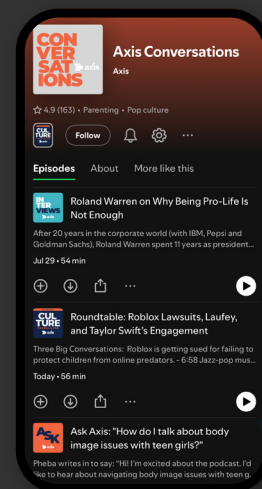
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