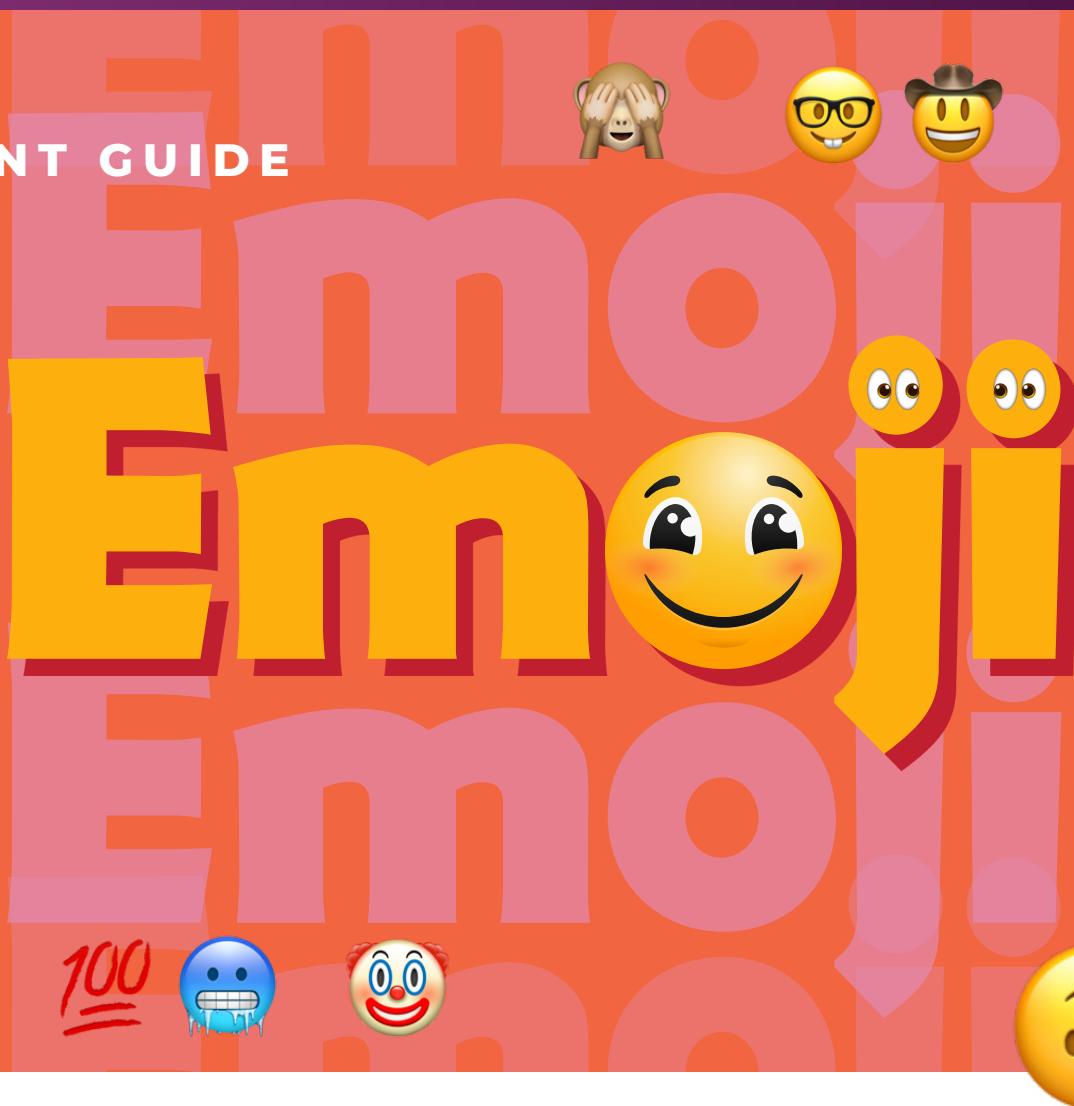




PARENT GUIDE



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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😊 (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

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🎯 **(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.

肓 **(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



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 **(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

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🍒 **(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?



