

Form Submission - Emoji

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Do you use Emoji in typical conversation with friends? If so, do they ever replace written words? : Typically, I will use emojis to enhance a feeling that texts have trouble emulating. The simplicity of texted language makes it difficult to always portray the sentiment behind words - whether that's teasing or joking or excitement. So, sometimes adding a quick emoji helps properly connote those sentiments.

Do you feel Emoji capture and communicate ideas that traditional language cannot?: By themselves, emojis, just like any image, cannot replace language. As mentioned earlier, they can support a message's fuller meaning, but I don't believe that they can displace language.

Do you use Emoji to identify/connect with certain cultural groups or communities?: I use emojis primarily with close friends.

Are there contexts where you are significantly more/less likely to use Emoji?: I am significantly more likely to use an emoji (or a Bitmoji, if that counts) in insignificant banter back and forth with friends.

Do you think Emoji have expanded or reduced linguistic capabilities in any way?: Only when the user allows it.

Are there certain Emoji which have a personal or hidden meaning for you? If so, would you share a few?:  is 'my' emoji. Mostly because I have no idea what it actually is - I've interpreted it to be a sushi tater tot. In meaning, I use it to reinforce whatever sentiment I previously expressed.

Any other thoughts?: