

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140620-emoji.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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|---|-------|
| a. Google has added 250 characters for people to use on the Internet. | T / F |
| b. Every letter and number on the Internet has a special code. | T / F |
| c. Many of the new characters are already used on smart phones. | T / F |
| d. One of the new characters is a smiling face. | T / F |
| e. <i>Emoji</i> originally came from Finland. | T / F |
| f. We won't be able to use the new <i>emoji</i> on smart phones just yet. | T / F |
| g. Software companies have updated their fonts so we can use the <i>emoji</i> . | T / F |
| h. All of the new <i>emoji</i> can be used and understood by all cultures. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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| 1. looks after | a. appear |
| 2. included | b. display |
| 3. show | c. give |
| 4. look | d. controls |
| 5. many | e. particularly |
| 6. originally | f. presently |
| 7. especially | g. added |
| 8. update | h. first |
| 9. provide | i. revise |
| 10. currently | j. a lot |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. The organization that looks | a. to show online |
| 2. its most recent | b. for consumers |
| 3. so the browser knows what | c. of peace |
| 4. the characters look | d. younger people |
| 5. a dove | e. after the code |
| 6. originally developed | f. before we can start |
| 7. especially among | g. signal |
| 8. It could be a while | h. update |
| 9. provide updates | i. as they should |
| 10. a hand | j. in Japan |

GAP FILL

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The organization that looks after the code (1) _____ the Internet has included an additional 250 characters in its most (2) _____ update. All of the characters we see in our Internet browsers, whether they be letters, numbers or (3) _____, all have a special code so the browser knows what to show (4) _____. The system is called Unicode and makes sure that whatever the (5) _____ or world language, the characters look as they should. The new "emoji" include many characters (6) _____ on smart phones in SMS and text messages. People who make websites and Internet users can now make their pages look (7) _____ with symbols that include a smiling face, a spider, a (8) _____ up, a dove of peace, and many more.

browser
nicer
recent
online
thumbs
behind
symbols
used

"Emoji" were (9) _____ developed in Japan for use on Japanese mobile phones. The word in Japanese is (10) _____ for "picture-writing character". They quickly became (11) _____ around the world, especially among (12) _____ people. It could be a while before we can start using the new "emoji" on our cellphones. For that to happen, the big phone makers and software companies, like Apple, Samsung, Nokia, etc. will have to (13) _____ their fonts and provide updates for consumers. There is still a (14) _____ to go, however, before the "emoji" are from all cultures. They are currently (15) _____ towards Americans and Europeans, including things like a hand (16) _____ from the U.S. TV series Star Trek.

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biased
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way

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The organization that looks after the code _____
 - a. beyond the Internet
 - b. behind the Internet
 - c. remind the Internet
 - d. refined the Internet
- 2) All of the characters we see in our _____
 - a. Internet browsers
 - b. Internet browse is
 - c. Internet browsing
 - d. Internet blouses
- 3) a special code so the browser knows what _____
 - a. to stow online
 - b. to slow online
 - c. to snow online
 - d. to show online
- 4) the characters look _____
 - a. was they should
 - b. was they should
 - c. as they should
 - d. is they should
- 5) Internet users can now make their pages look _____
 - a. nice and with symbols
 - b. nicer with symbols
 - c. nicer within symbols
 - d. nicer with symbol
- 6) The word in Japanese is short for "picture- _____"
 - a. written character
 - b. writing characters
 - c. written characters
 - d. writing character
- 7) popular around the world, especially among _____
 - a. younger people
 - b. younger people
 - c. younger people
 - d. younger people
- 8) the big phone makers and _____
 - a. software company
 - b. soft where companies
 - c. software company is
 - d. soft wear companies
- 9) update their fonts and provide updates _____
 - a. from consumers
 - b. for consumers
 - c. four consumers
 - d. for consume as
- 10) There is still a way to go, however, before the "emoji" are _____
 - a. of all cultures
 - b. form all cultures
 - c. from all cultures
 - d. from all culture

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140620-emoji.html>

1. What does the organization mentioned in the article look after?

2. What changes the code into letters and numbers online?

3. What is the system called?

4. What can people already use the *emoji* on?

5. What kind of face symbol was mentioned at the end of paragraph one?

6. Where did *emoji* first start?

7. Who really liked and used *emoji* when they first came out?

8. How long will it be before we use *emoji* on our cellphones?

9. What will software companies have to provide for consumers?

10. What kind of signal was mentioned at the end of paragraph two?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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 - a) Google
 - b) websites
 - c) code
 - d) browsers
2. What changes the code into letters and numbers online?
 - a) browsers
 - b) online forms
 - c) digital devices
 - d) Google
3. What is the system called?
 - a) One-Code
 - b) Code-One
 - c) Coder
 - d) Unicode
4. What can people already use the *emoji* on?
 - a) their TVs
 - b) smart phones
 - c) paper
 - d) Google
5. What kind of face symbol was mentioned at the end of paragraph 1?
 - a) an embarrassed face
 - b) a sad face
 - c) a smiling face
 - d) a red face
6. Where did *emoji* first start?
 - a) Google
 - b) Japan
 - c) Technoland
 - d) Finland
7. Who really liked and used emoji when they first came out?
 - a) pop stars
 - b) Google
 - c) business leaders
 - d) younger people
8. How long will it be before we use emoji on our cellphones?
 - a) 3 days
 - b) a while
 - c) as long as a piece of string
 - d) many years
9. What will software companies have to provide for consumers?
 - a) font updates
 - b) mobile phones
 - c) refunds
 - d) a thumbs up
10. What kind of signal was mentioned at the end of paragraph two?
 - a) an easy one
 - b) one to alert people
 - c) a left-turn signal
 - d) a hand signal

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) before | (b) past | (c) after | (d) behind |
| 2. | (a) recent | (b) latest | (c) newest | (d) updated |
| 3. | (a) waiver | (b) whether | (c) wither | (d) weather |
| 4. | (a) whoever | (b) wherever | (c) whenever | (d) whatever |
| 5. | (a) including | (b) inclusive | (c) include | (d) inclusion |
| 6. | (a) love | (b) dove | (c) move | (d) rove |
| 7. | (a) originally | (b) origins | (c) original | (d) originate |
| 8. | (a) shortening | (b) shortly | (c) shorts | (d) short |
| 9. | (a) hour | (b) when | (c) while | (d) period |
| 10. | (a) happening | (b) happened | (c) happens | (d) happen |
| 11. | (a) wait | (b) way | (c) times | (d) when |
| 12. | (a) series | (b) cereal | (c) serious | (d) services |