

EMOTICONS

When reading electronic mail or teleconferencing online, you'll occasionally see little hieroglyphic designs interspersed within text. These are called *emoticons* and are used to express online the emotions of normal voice communication—for example, to indicate that the “snide” comment you just made was really a joke, intended to amuse and not offend. Some of the best emoticons are represented here. You can see that most of them use the same few keyboard characters in different combinations. They are normally meant to be viewed from a 90 degree angle, as most are designed sideways. So tilt your head to the side; you'll see that these are actually little faces.

emoticon \ i-'mō-t-ə-kän \ *n.* A figure created with the symbols on the keyboard. Read with the head tilted to the left. Used to convey the spirit in which a line of text is typed.

Emoticon	Emoticon/Message
:)	Humor
:-) :-(Masks theatrical comments
:<)	For those with hairy lips
:)	Smile
:(Frown

:<)=	For those with beards, too
:/)	Not funny
'-)	Wink
P-)	Pirate
;-)	Wink II
(@ @)	You're kidding!
:-"	Pursing lips
:-v	Another face (speaking), side profile
:-V	Another face (shouting) , side profile
:-w	Speak with forked tongue
:-W	Shout with forked tongue
:-r	Bleahhh! (sticking tongue out)
:-f	
:-P	
:-1	Smirk
:-, Smirk II	
<:-O	Eeek!
:-*	Oops! (Covering mouth with hand)
:x	I'm not talking
:-T	Keeping a straight face (tight-lipped)
:-D	Said with a smile
:-P	
:-y	
:-o	More shouting
:-O	Still more shouting
:-{	Count Dracula
= :-)	Uncle Sam
7:)	Reagan
:-#	Censored
~i	Smoking
:Q	Smoking II
~j	Smoking and smiling
:/i	No smoking
:-I	It's something, but I don't know what. . .
:*	Kiss
:-x	Kiss, kiss

:->	Another happy face
:(Unhappy
:-c	Really Unhappy
:-C	Unbelieving (jaw dropped)
:-<	Forlorn
:-B	Drooling (or overbite)
:-	Disgusted
:/	Cry
:D	Laugh
%-)	Confuse
:-?	Licking your lips
<:>==	A turkey
:-) :-) :-)	Loud guffaw
:-J	Tongue-in-cheek comments
:*)	Clowning around
:-8	Talking out of both sides of your mouth
(:-)	Messages dealing with bicycle helmets
@=	Warning about nuclear war
<:-)	For dumb questions
o=	A burning candle
- =	A doused candle
OO	Headlights on a message
:_)	I used to be a boxer, but it really got my nose out of joint
B-)	Batman
B-	Michael Keaton Batman
#:~)	Someone with matted hair
:-o	"Oh, noooooo!" (à la Mr. Bill)
#:~o	Mr. Bill II
-(Late night messages
:^)	Messages teasing people about their noses
:-{#}	Messages teasing people about their braces
(:~\$	Ill
(:~&	Angry
:-	Angry II
(:~(Very sad

(:^(Broken nose
(:<)	Blabbermouth
:-(=)	Big teeth
&:-)	Curly hair
@:-)	Wavy hair
?-(Black eye
.	Message about fuzzy things
*.**	Message about fuzzy things with mustaches
%-)	Broken glasses
+<:-	Monk/nun
{0-)	Cyclops
(:- K-	Formal message
@%&\$%&	You know what this means. . .
*(Handshake offered
*)	Handshake accepted
<&&>	Rubber chickens
><><	Argyle socks
2B ^2B	Message about Shakespeare
(-_-)	Secret smile
<{:~}	Message in a bottle
<:-)<<	Message from a space rocket
(:~. . .	Heart-breaking message
<<<<(:~)	Message from a hat salesperson
(O—<	A fishy message
(:~<	Message from a thief: hands up!
<I =I)	A message on four wheels
:^{\	Another mustache
{'	Alfred Hitchcock
@>--->---	A rose