



Communicate

Exploring emojis

Stage

3

30 mins



Skills builder



Aim of activity

Emojis can be a great way to express a thought when you can't think of the words. But are emojis always a good way to communicate? Time to find out!

What you'll get out of it

- Explore when emojis are used.
- Create your own emojis.
- Understand different meanings of emojis.

What you'll need

- Pictures of emojis, 1 between 2
- Slips of paper
- Paper or card (A4 or A5)
- Pens



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Before you start

Your leader will prepare pictures of emojis on separate bits of paper, then also write the meaning of each emoji on further slips of paper, folding them in half.

What to do

- 1** **Emojis** are pictures that we use to express thoughts, feelings and emotions. Together, talk about the emojis you've seen.
- 2** Next, your leader will give emojis to half the girls and meanings to the other half. Secretly look at your own.
- 3** Now everyone start moving around the room in different directions. When your leader calls 'match', try to find who's got your matching meaning or emoji. You can't show anyone your paper, so you'll have to describe what's on it.
- 4** Have you found your match? Sit down together.
- 5** When everyone's sat down, your leader will check your emoji and meaning. Did you get it right? Don't worry if you didn't – some emojis mean similar things. And, sometimes, emojis mean different things to different people!

- 6** Mix them up and play again. Did you find your match this time?

- 7** Next, everyone go to the middle of the space. Your leader will say a place and you need to decide if emojis should be used there. If you think they should – move to the left. If you think they shouldn't – move to the right. After each one, talk together about where you moved and why.

Places

- A message from a friend saying they're excited to see you
- On social media
- In a film review in a magazine
- In a book review you do for homework
- On your school report
- In a TV advert for a new drink

- 8** Create your own emojis! On your own, make up and draw five new emojis on separate pieces of paper or card. Make sure each one has a meaning, like 'I'm excited' or 'it's cold outside'.

- 9** Finally, ask others what they think your emojis mean. Did everyone say the same thing?