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INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATING EMOJIS



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INTRODUCTION

The concept of leakage has been referenced by professionals and researchers for over two decades. However, its significance has grown substantially for Threat Assessment Teams due to the expansion and widespread use of social media and the digital sphere. Subject Matter Experts agree that an overall assessment of risk cannot be determined without looking at an individual's online activity as a parallel process when initiating a threat assessment.

[Leakage](#) can be a cry for help, a sign of inner conflict, and includes any warning behaviors that may indicate a serious threat. [Leakage is one of the most important clues that may precede an adolescent's violent act.](#) These clues may include subtle threats, predictions, boasts, or any planning surrounding a violent act, where it is imperative to look at verbal, written, and digital leakage for threat assessment purposes. However, these potential cries for help might not be as clear and direct as one would hope, as they are often expressed through coded language, hashtags, abbreviations, or emojis.

This Resource Guide will provide School Safety/Threat Assessment (SS/TA) Teams with a functional understanding of emojis commonly used by today's youth and their association with specific categories of concern.

To best use this resource, we encourage SS/TA Teams to attend the Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) [training](#) or utilize [our module](#) to better understand digital data collection and best practices for supporting individuals when worrisome online behavior is identified. [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) advises against using your personal accounts and devices when searching for worrisome or threat-related behavior, as there is a possibility these searching methods may notify the Subject(s) of Concern (SOC).

Disclaimer: The emojis shown in this guide are based on Apple's iOS platform and represent the general appearance of those commonly used. Emojis may appear differently depending on the device, operating system, and software version being used. We regularly update our examples to reflect current standards, but visual differences should be expected across platforms.

SUICIDAL IDEATION/MENTAL HEALTH CONCERN/SELF-HARM EMOJIS

[Suicidal ideation](#) refers to thoughts, fantasies, or planning surrounding ending one's own life. It can range from brief, fleeting thoughts, to detailed plans and can be accompanied by feelings of hopelessness, despair, loneliness, and worthlessness. Suicidal ideation is often a symptom of a mental health concern, but it can also occur in response to stressful life events or trauma. It is important to take any thoughts of suicide seriously and to seek out professional help if you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal ideation.

When referring to the unsettling trends of suicide among young people, we need to find an appropriate response to the behavior. This is especially important for cases where youth are encouraging and supporting other peers in their expression of suicidal ideation. Sometimes, this may even include offering an improved plan for completion. There is a concerning increase in these behaviors with the escalating presence of [anonymous apps](#) and social networking platforms such as [Discord](#), Reddit, 4Chan, and WhatsApp.

More adolescents are accessing emergency rooms with self-inflicted wounds or suicide attempts than ever before.² Self-harming³ can include cutting or the act of physically hurting themselves by other means to focus on another form of pain, and is defined as intentional self-injuries.⁴ Both suicidal ideation and self-harming behavior rates have increased amongst children, adolescents, and young-adults since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.⁵

It is now clear how our health systems are impacted by rising cases concerning mental health, where researchers note a distressing rise in the number of youths seeking help for self-inflicted wounds, particularly in those who identify as female.⁶ However, many doctors and specialists report the increasing number of youths seeking support for self-harm within emergency rooms do not have the hallmarks of a psychiatric disorder, leaving doctors without concrete answers as to why there is an increase of adolescents with these types of injuries.⁷

Another increasingly concerning online trend is posting self-harming behaviors online, including still images and videos of the action of self-harm.⁸ As this behavior continues, we can predict the number of adolescents engaged in these behaviors will continue to rise. We have also seen the resurgence of specific forms of language regarding self-harming behaviors, that are commonly used on social media platforms, often to avoid content moderation.⁹

Self-harming behaviors and suicide attempts are very different behaviors and must be responded to accordingly. There is a strong association between digital self-harm and suicidality.¹⁰ As such, it is imperative health professionals screen for digital self-harm to address underlying mental health problems among youth that may occur prior to or alongside suicidality. Moreover, parents and caregivers must convey to children that they are available to talk, support, and assist with the root issues that may eventually manifest as digital self-harm. Educators and other stakeholders must improve in prioritizing the emotional and psychological needs of youth; this can be through opportunities for open dialog, skill-building, and the provision of interactive and easily accessible online and offline support resources to ensure that those at-risk have a multidisciplinary support system and know other people care about them and their well-being.¹¹

¹ [Suicide rates extremely high for children, adolescents and young adults](#)

² [Children and adolescents with suicidal ideation and the emergency department](#)

³ [Self-Harm | Cleveland Clinic](#)

⁴ [Non-suicidal self-injury](#)

⁵ [Post-COVID 19 impacts on Suicidal Ideation and Self Harm](#)













⁶ [Sex differences in non-suicidal self-injury](#)

⁷ [Canadian hospitals stretched as self-harming teens seek help | CBC News](#)

⁸ [Social networking on self-harm and suicidality in adolescents](#)

⁹ [Secret Society 123: Understanding the Language of Self-Harm](#)

¹⁰ [Digital Self Harm and Suicidality among adolescents](#)

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Indication of Self-Harm		Indication of Self-Harm by burning oneself
	Pills		Suicide Attempt
	Eating Disorder/ Skipped Meal		Hurting or bleeding
	Physical or Emotional Pain		Feeling Depressed
	Indication of extreme sadness and suffering *Could also indicate something is cute/funny		Feeling down
	Indication of distress/ discontent		Barely holding it together

Example of Emojis Used:

Jul 10
basic info !
(🗨️:❤️:🗨️)
• +cw: 86.4lbs
• +ugw: 70lbs
• + lvl 15
✂️ sh started: 13
✂️ uses: hello kitty eyebrow razors
✂️ type of sh: catscratches, small deep cuts, bruising, starvation



Follow

Message



1 post

752 followers

137 following



Hospital



christian woman of God

lvl 15

• on break



- 2000s fashion supremacy

RISK OF SEXTORTION

The term ‘sexting’ describes the use of a digital device to send sexually explicit media and messages. The term originated to explain sending intimate materials or messages through text message, but now includes exchanging this over popular applications and social media platforms; for example, WhatsApp and Instagram through Direct Messages (DMs). Sexting became widely popularized through Snapchat as well due to the platform’s ability to send photographs, videos, and messages that can only be seen once for a few seconds before “disappearing” from the user’s feed.¹¹

Sexting has its dangers, and it is important to acknowledge how it permanently impacts the lives of our youth. One of the most dangerous scenarios that we see occur repeatedly, especially in teenagers, is [sextortion](#). Sextortion is where non-physical forms of coercion are used to extort non-consensual sexual favors from the victim (i.e., sharing intimate details, sexual images, or videos of the victim online if they don’t meet their demands such as money, sexual favors, more intimate photos, etc.). Sextortion can happen to anyone who chooses to sext, where it is not always perpetrated by a stranger who is unrelated to the victim but can be someone close to them.

It is crucial to understand when someone chooses to engage in sexting, they are subjecting themselves to the possibility of sextortion. Sextortion can occur regardless of age, gender, or sexual orientation; however, research shows those who identify as female, teenagers, and children are most likely to be targeted.¹² However, we are starting to see an increased trend among males of all age ranges being targeted by sextortion scams. Over the course of September 2023 to September 2024, data from [Cybertip](#) outlines how amongst the 2500+ reports of sextortion they saw, when they were able to identify the gender of the individual who was sextorted, 90% of the cases were those who identify as male.¹³ Those who identify as female are typically extorted for more intimate images and videos, and those who identify as male are typically extorted for money, often in the form of gift-cards or cryptocurrency (but there are many additional ways).¹³ In addition, [Cybertip](#) highlights that when they were aware of what platform was utilized for sextortion, 74% of incidents occurred on Snapchat or Instagram.¹³

When responding to cases of sextortion, SS/TA Teams must pay careful attention to:

















- Recognizing that sextortion is a traumatic experience that can be stored at the cellular level.
- Understanding how traumatic events can affect an individual, group of individuals, or an organization/system.
- Responding compassionately and thoughtfully.

To ensure a trauma-informed response when handling sextortion cases, trained multi-disciplinary SS/TA Teams must respond to a report of possible sextortion while simultaneously conducting a behavioral and digital threat assessment. The threat assessment process helps determine the immediate safety and emotional needs of the victim as well as the concerns regarding the Subject of Concern (SOC).

¹¹ [Sexting: Adolescents perceptions of the applications](#)

¹² [Protect Children](#)

¹³ [CyberTip.ca](#)

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Female Genitalia		Male Genitalia
	Start of First Menstruation		Potentially Explicit Pictures of Male Genitalia
	Potentially Explicit Pictures of Female Genitalia		Potentially Explicit Pictures of Female Genitalia/Breasts
	Bodily Fluids		Sexually Suggestive indication of penetrative sex
	Indication of sexual activity, oral sex		Nude photo
	Porn		Having Sex
	Reference to sexual content sometimes referred to as a "Spicy Link"		Sexually Aroused
	Looking to send/receive intimate images/videos		Seen intimate images/videos

Example of Emojis Used:



[Redacted Name]

19 posts 51 followers 24 following

[Redacted Bio]

 You know what I want 🍆 🍆 🍆

 🌶️ Spicy Link in the first post below

 onlyfans.com

CYBERBULLYING EMOJIS

Cyberbullying involves the usage of digital communication to harm, intimidate, and bully an individual, mainly through sending messages that are threatening, intimidating, and cruel in nature.¹⁴ With the use of technology, cyberbullying has become a prominent way for both youth and adults to say things they may not say in person, by hiding behind a screen.¹⁵

Behaviors can include harassment via digital devices, setting up defamatory personal websites, or deliberately excluding someone from social networking spaces. This may also include online posting or electronic distribution of embarrassing or intimate images or videos, real or altered, without the consent of the person contained in the images/videos. Cyberbullying can happen at any time and can be in both public and private settings.

Cyberbullying is the most recent phenomenon of the four types of bullying.¹⁷ Given the pace of the development of new technology, and the fact our youth are introduced to digital devices and the internet at increasingly younger ages, information and trends on this type of bullying behavior change rapidly.

Cyberbullying has changed the traditional face of bullying in three significant ways – Access, Scope, and Anonymity (ASA):








- **Access:** it is virtually impossible for targets to get away from those who cyberbully. Most youth have access to all types of technology, which provides those who cyberbully the ability to reach their targets almost all the time. Targets do not have a safe haven as they do in cases of traditional bullying, and there is the possibility traditional bullying will follow the victim online.
- **Scope:** unlike traditional bullying, due to technology, audiences of cyberbullying (both victims and those witnessing) have few barriers which can cause the issue to grow exponentially.
- **Anonymity:** those who cyberbully can hide their identity. Anonymity, which is inherent in electronic communication, promotes a lack of inhibition. As a result, normal behavior restraints can disappear, allowing youth to act harsher than they would offline.

¹⁴ [StopBullying.gov – What is Cyberbullying](#)


¹⁵ [Bullying Canada](#)

¹⁶ [StopBullying](#)

¹⁷ [ChildCare Education Institute](#)

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Potential Shooting Threat		Potential Weapon Threat
	Potential Warning That Victim Will Need Medical Assistance		Middle Finger meant as an Insult
	Potential Fighting Threat		Potential Bomb Threat
	Indication of a Death Threat		Backstabber
	Weak or Fragile		"Over it"
	Small Penis		You're a liar
	Basic/Plain		Emphasizing a point

Example of Emojis Used:

meet me in the library Tuesday 

> iMessage 



> iMessage 


















HATE AND RADICALIZATION EMOJIS




Hate refers to an intense feeling of hostility or aversion towards individuals or groups based on their characteristics, beliefs, or actions. Radicalization is the adoption of extreme ideologies or beliefs by an individual(s) that challenge or reject mainstream societal norms. Both hate and radicalization have significant negative consequences for individuals and society as a whole.

Radicalization does not happen overnight. It is an evolutionary process, much like the pathway to violence, where individuals move through different stages of exposure. However, just as with violence prevention, early identification and intervention can disrupt this trajectory before it escalates. Radicalization is shaped by perceived injustices or grievances, exposure to extremist content, and justification from like-minded co-conspirators.

While radicalization can happen to individuals of any age, youth are particularly vulnerable due to the way they navigate identity, emotions, and social belonging. The adolescent brain is wired for exploration, risk-taking, and seeking validation. If a young person is struggling with risk enhancers like isolation, rejection, or no healthy mature adult to connect with, they may be drawn to communities that provide structure, meaning, and a sense of belonging – even if those communities promote harmful beliefs.

This process can start in the digital space, where grievances are often validated. A young person who feels socially excluded may join a gaming community, online forum, or a niche group chat, believing it to be a safe space to connect with others. However, extremist narratives can seep into these spaces. Over time, exposure to these messages can create a dangerous feedback loop, reinforcing the idea that their perceived injustices and grievances are the result of an external enemy – whether it be another social group, government institutions, or society as a whole.

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	You're Gay!		N**** Word
	Insults to the LGBTQ community	 	Insults to the Transgender Community
	Symbol of Hate associated with white supremacy and the far right.		Used for the Black Power Movement
	Symbol related to Neo-Nazi ideals.		Used in place of SS lightning bolts
	"14" refers to the "14 Words," a slogan made famous by David Lane. The 14 words are "we must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children." It is often combined with the number "88" to form "1488" in white supremacist and neo-Nazi propaganda.		"88" is generally a reference to the 8 th letter of the alphabet ("H") and is often shorthand for "Heil Hitler." It is often combined with the number "14" to form "1488" in white supremacist and neo-Nazi propaganda.
	8-ball emojis are used to represent "88"		Often used by individuals to express association with eco-fascism and/or accelerationism.
	While not explicitly linked to extremism, "Pepe le Frog" is often used in extremist propaganda to present extremist ideologies. A frog emoji is often used in place of Pepe in texts and bios.		Sometimes used to identify support for accelerationism
	Often used by extremists when discussing holy/race wars. This is frequently associated with Christian Nationalism.		The gorilla emoji is sometimes used in extremist propaganda to dehumanize and depict Black individuals and communities

	<p>“Pilling” originates from the movie The Matrix and is used by extremists to describe the process of waking new individuals to their “truth” about society. Within extremist circles, the moment someone is radicalized into far-right ideologies is often referred to as being “redpilled.” The concept of this is further found within incel communities.</p>		<p>The hammer emoji can be used to reference the Hammerskins, a famous white supremacist skinhead group.</p>
 <p>(764 Network)</p>	<p>While the 764 Network does not use specific emojis, it is important to be aware of the number and its use. 764 is a violent extremist network operating online to radicalize, exploit, and harm youth through various social media apps and gaming spaces.</p>		

Cutecore/cutegore: often associated with hate and radicalization, frequently with online radicalized groups like the 764, is the concept of cutecore/cutegore. This is an online subculture that employs soft and pastel aesthetics to conceal worrisome behaviors. Attached is a link to common cutecore emojis that individuals use: <https://emojidb.org/cutecore-emojis>.

Note: this list is not exhaustive, and not all of these emojis may be inherently worrisome. It is imperative that we look at the overall baseline for any subject of concern pertaining to this.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMOJIS

Substance abuse among adolescents is any use of substances by youth with a high risk of adverse outcomes (i.e., criminal involvement, injury, dropping out of school, overdose, loss of life, etc.). Youth with substance use disorders typically possess higher rates of both mental and physical illnesses. High risk substance abuse includes:

- Misuse of prescription drugs.
- Use of illicit drugs (i.e., cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, inhalants, hallucinogens, ecstasy, etc.).
- Use of injection drugs that have a high risk of infection of blood-borne diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), 15% of high school students report having used select illicit or injection drugs, and 14% of students reported the misuse of prescription opioids.²² Injection drug use places youth at direct risk for HIV, and substance use by youth places adolescents at a high risk for overdose. Students who reported using prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription are more likely to have been the victim of physical or sexual dating violence as opposed to other students, and youth opioid usage overall has been directly linked to risky sexual behavior, mental health and suicide risks, as well as an increase in experiencing violence overall.

The CDC identifies risk factors for substance abuse, including:

- Family history of substance use.
- Favorable attitudes towards the behavior of trusted adults.
- Poor monitoring from trusted adult(s).
- Substance use by trusted adults (visible or otherwise).
- Family rejection of sexual orientation.
- Association with delinquent or substance-using peers.
- Lack of school connectedness.
- Low academic achievement.
- Childhood sexual abuse or other Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).¹⁹
- Mental health concerns.²²

Research has improved regarding understanding factors that can divert youth from risk-enhancing behaviors, including substance use; these are known as protective factors.²⁰ Examples of protective factors for substance abuse include:²¹

- Family engagement.
- Family support.
- Parental/guardian/trusted adult disapproval of substance use and abuse.
- Parental/guardian monitoring.
- School connectedness.

When conducting digital and behavioral threat assessments regarding substance abuse, it is important for SS/TA Teams to note that emoji use can be utilized on social media for indication of substance abuse, buying and selling narcotics, as well as gang association/involvement/recruitment. Often, youth utilize emojis and slang language to avoid content moderation by platforms. A list of emojis that represent substance related topics, as well as emojis

¹⁸ [Substance Use Among Youth: CDC \(2024\)](#)

¹⁹ [Adverse childhood experiences \(ACEs\) \(2024\)](#)

²⁰ [What are adverse childhood experiences? \(2024\)](#)


²¹ [Risk and Protective Factors \(2024\)](#)

that may indicate gang involvement/recruitment are found on the following pages.

The following video outlines perspectives on exploitation occurring through social media that specifically emphasizes drug distribution:





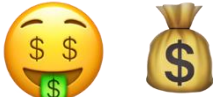







Video by YouTube user TODAY.

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Smoking Marijuana		Pills
	Cigarettes		Marijuana
	Psilocybin Mushrooms aka Magic Mushrooms		Ketamine
	MDMA		Bong
	Cough Syrup (Lean)		Smoking a Joint
	Cocaine		Adderall (Pill, Train)
	Oxycodone or Percocet		Xanax
	Heroin		Methamphetamine
	High-Grade Drugs		Vapes

GANG ASSOCIATED EMOJIS

Youth involved in negative peer groups have the potential to do something they would not normally do, yet may act out due to peer pressure or potential bullying/exclusionary behaviors by their peers. This further happens with gang-associated behaviors, creating toxic and unhealthy lifestyles. Youth involved in negative peer groups are at a heightened risk of falling victim to recruitment into gangs.

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Locked Up		Related by Blood (Family Member/ Close Friend)
	Iced Out/Drip/Expensive Jewelry		Gang on Top
	Low Key		No Cap (No Lie)
	Trap house		Money/Recruitment
	Link to Snapchat		Link to Drill/Trap Rap Music
	Memorial Shirt / "Put them on a Shirt"		"Stepper" Gang Alignment
	Reference to Law Enforcement		Trap/Drill Music / Risk Taker / Human Trafficking
	Gang Legend or Boss		Spin the block

Example of Emojis:



Preventing youth gang involvement is imperative from a multi-disciplinary perspective to reduce short and long-term negative outcomes for adolescents and society overall. Gang involvement for youth has a significant negative impact on their family, friends, and communities, and often leads towards premature death. Gangs are typically defined as having the following characteristics:²²

- Formal organizational structure
- Identifiable leadership
- Identified territory
- Frequent interaction
- Involvement in serious or violent behavior..
- Formalized rules
- Identifying symbols
- Three or more individuals
- An identifiable name²³

Youth gangs are defined by a group of youth and young adults whose involvement in illegal activities over a sustained period of time marks them as different from other youthful groups, as labelled by both them and in the view of the community and police. Identifiers specifically include committing crimes together, having a name, displaying common colors or symbols, hanging out frequently together, claiming specific territory and the aspect of having a leader.²⁴













²² [Definition of a gang \(2024\)](#)

²³ [What is a gang? \(2024\)](#)

²⁴ [The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society \(2024\)](#)

DRUGS/TRAFFICKING



Drug trafficking is a global illicit trade involving the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of substances that are subject to drug prohibition laws.²⁵ Drug trafficking is a transnational issue that poses significant social, economic, and health challenges. When youth are involved in drug trafficking, there are many consequences. Involvement not only leads to increased rates of substance use and addiction but also may lead to youth becoming involved in very dangerous and unfortunate outcomes, including violence and instability.²⁶ The use and abuse of drugs, particularly among young individuals, can have detrimental effects on their physical and mental health, academic performance, relationships, and overall well-being.²⁷

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Dialer/Drug Line		Encrypted App. Online Sales
	Dialer/Foot Soldier		Female Recruitment/ Trafficking
	Plug for Drugs/Drug Dealer		Location for Sales/ Site Selection
	Dealer Advertising		Online Drug / Firearm Deliveries / Encrypted Apps
	Dial-a-Dope / Drug Trafficker		Sex Trafficking / Sales of Services / Price
	Sex Trafficking Generic		Sex Trafficking / Movement of Victims

²⁵ [Drug trafficking UNODC](#)

²⁶ [Substance use among children Johns Hopkins \(2023\)](#)

²⁷ [Drug and Substance Use among Youth \(2024\)](#)

	<p>Pimp or Being Pimped Out</p>		<p>Sex Trafficking / Minor</p>
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Examples of Emojis Used:



19 posts 1023 followers 666 following



Got everythin u need hmuu 🚗🚚🚛🚚🚚
 If you're a 🍑🍑🍑 get back
 📍 t.me/onestopshop






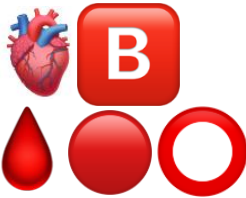








19 posts 2556 followers 5673 following



LL the KING 👑💎👑💎👑💎
 World Traveller 🌍✈️📅😄😄
 Got anything you need hmu 🍒🌸🐱🍷
 📍 t.me/allgallnight

VIOLENCE/GROUPS

As noted, “gangs are associations of three or more individuals who adopt a group identity in order to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation.”²⁸ Violence groups will typically be organized by certain identifiers based on ethnicity or political lines, slogans, symbols, or tattoos. Unfortunately, these groups often use violence and intimidation as a tactic to achieve their goals when participating in criminal behavior. These groups act in numbers that increase the strength of their reach and allow for further recruitment of people into their group.














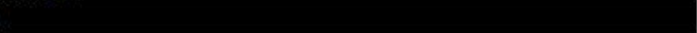
Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Negative Peer Group/Gang		Crip Association/ Driftwood Crips
	Aggressor		Bloods Association
	“Free”/ In Custody		“SLATT” – Slime Love All the Time
	High/Dazed		Rest in Peace/ “Long Live”
	Murder/Homicide “Smoked”		Violence/Possession of Weapons
	Not a Snitch		Violence/ Possession of Firearms

²⁸ [US Department of Justice: About Violent Gangs \(2023\)](#)

	Mocking Gang Homicide "Rest in Piss"		Conflict/Mocking
	Snitch	 	Have committed homicide or Reference to Fallen Gang Member
 	Hell's Angels World	    	Blood in Blood Out (BIBO Ent.)
 	Crips Subset: Rollin 60's		Watts Crips / West Coast Crips
 	Crips Subset: Grape Street Crips	 	Crips Subset: Deuce Crips
	Wolfpack Gang	  	Gangsters Discipline Nation (GDN)

Example of Emojis Used:



 [Follow](#) ⋮
 3 posts 279 followers 403 following
 he/him

 M&M  

 MVM  
 D B4 D  
 CCME   
[soundcloud.com](#) 

GENMOJI

iOS 18.0 was released by Apple on September 16, 2024, and includes the option to react to messages with any emoji or custom stickers you make. Some iPhone users also have iOS 18.2, which will soon be available to all Apple users. iOS 18.2 increases the ability for users to apply Apple/Artificial Intelligence.²⁹ Users can now simply type a description into the emoji keyboard and multiple options will appear. In addition, users can use images from their photo library to create an emoji. Genmojis act the same way as traditional emojis, in the sense they can be added to messages, shared as stickers, or used as a reaction. It is worth noting that Apple appears to have some terms disabled; for example, “gun.” Yet, individuals can still bypass restrictions to create the emoji (see Figure 1). In addition, anyone can now utilize Siri to create an image using ChatGPT, where the same rules apply regarding prompts (see Figure 2).

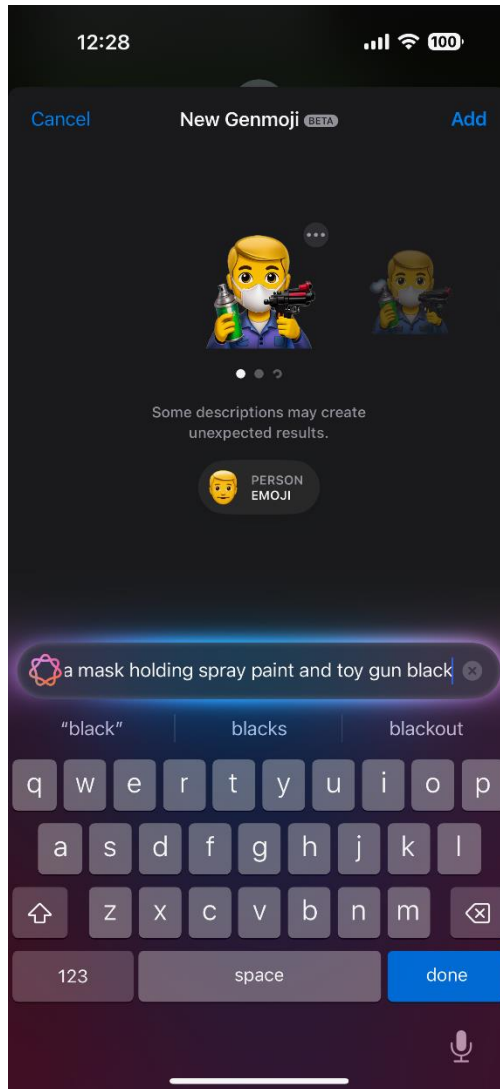


Figure 1.

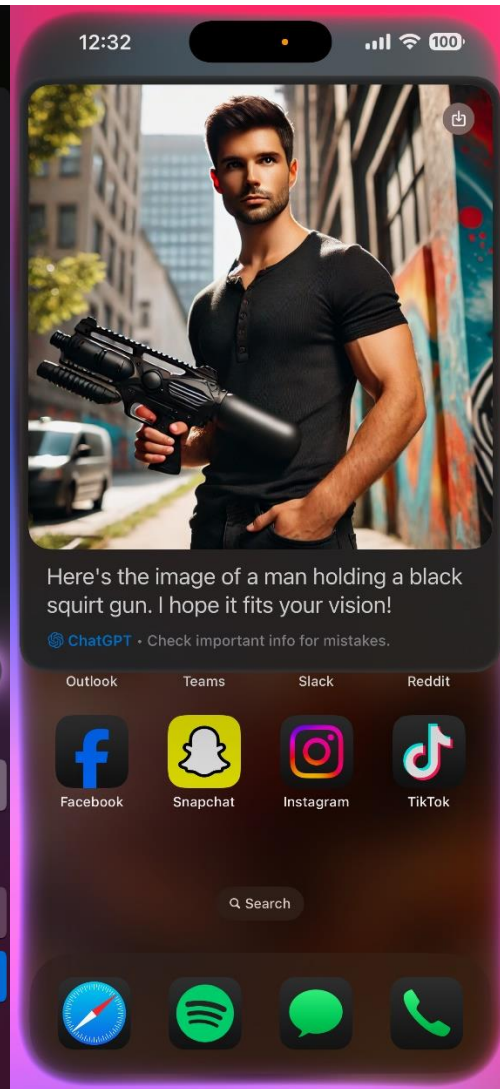








Figure 2.

²⁹ [Apple](#)

VIDEO GAMES AND EMOTES

As the capability of an individual to create an emoji out of anything now exists on Apple and Android products, it is important to discuss emotes that are associated with video games, commonly on the platforms Twitch and Discord. As users now can simply type anything into the emoji keyboard, these emotes have the potential to be commonly used and recreated through Genmoji, and in increasingly problematic ways. Twitch is a live-streaming service platform that is popular for video game users to stream and watch other players, and Discord is a voice, video, and text chat application that is used oftentimes to create group chats video gamers converse in. A multitude of slang language and complex terminology exist on these platforms, often in the form of memes and emojis. Below is a list of common emotes to familiarize yourself with.

Emote	Translation
	Refers to BibleThump and is used to represent to sadness
	copyThis / pastaThat in reference to copy / paste
	Refers to DansGame and is used to represent disgust
	Refers to FailFish and is used to represent disappointment
	Refers to FeelsBadMan and is used to represent pity

	<p>Refers to LUL and is used to represent laughter</p>
	<p>Refers to PogChamp and is used to represent amazement</p>
	<p>Refers to ResidentSleeper and is used to represent boredom</p>
	<p>Refers to SMOrc and is used to represent being blunt</p>
	<p>Refers to Kappa and is used when a streamer on Twitch does something that makes someone's eyes roll/annoys them</p>
	<p>Refers to TriHard and is used when something exciting happens on the screen, but has also been used in racist ways to react to any streamer who is Black</p>

 A close-up image of a young man with short dark hair, smiling broadly with his mouth open, showing his teeth. This is the '4Head' meme.	<p>Refers to 4Head and is used in reaction to a joke</p>
 A close-up image of a man with a goatee and short hair, looking slightly to the side with a skeptical or questioning expression. This is the 'Cmonbruh' meme.	<p>Refers to cmonbruh and is used when someone says something that is absurd</p>
 A close-up image of Adam Samberg wearing glasses, with a cringing or awkward expression on his face. This is the 'Adam Samberg' meme.	<p>This image is taken from a Lonely Island music video featuring Adam Samberg and is used to react to something on-screen that an individual finds "cringey"</p>

INTERNET SLANG/LINGO

Gang Associated Internet Slang/Lingo

LINGO	TRANSLATION
187	California Penal Code for Murder
2x	Alliance reference to Crips Gang
6ix / 6ity	Toronto Connection
904/Area Code	Site / Location
ABK	Anybody Killa
AFG	All Family Gang
AFNF	All Family No Friends
B4L	Brothers For Life
Bandz / Racks	Money
BFR	"Blue Feathers Records" (Driftwood Crips)
BLAT	Blood Love All The Time
BTD	Brothers till Death
BTK	Born to Kill
Catch a Play	Drug Deal
CRO/CRODIE	"Bro / Brother"
DB4D	Death Before Dishonor
Demon	Gang Member
Dillies	Hydromorphone
Drip	Expensive Jewelry/Apparel
Drop	Higher Grade Cocaine
ESB	East Side Bloods
ENT	"Entertainment" / Identifying as a Trap/Drill Rapper
EVB	Everybody Killer or Every Blood Killer
FR	For Real
FRMDA	"Initial __ From The __ Location"
FTOS	Fuck the Other Side
HOUDINI / HOULIGAN	Drill Rapper (Dimarjio Jenkins - Deceased)
LL	Long Live
MOB	Money over Bitches
MTF	More than Family
NEAT	Driftwood Gang Members
Neena Food	9mm Ammo
NLMB	Never Leave My Brothers
OMT	Only the Money Team
Opps / FTO	Opposition referring to rival gang / "Fuck the Other Opps"
OTF	Only The Family
OTX	Off the Xanax
Pack(s)/Packed	Selling drugs / Murder
RDG	Run Down Gang
RoadRunna	Dialer
Sav	Savage
Shiesty	"No Face No Case" or short for ski mask
Slumpin'	Reference to killing

SLATT	Slime Love All The Time
Steppa	Respected by Gang Members
SYLHA	Support Your Local Hell's Angels
Trappin'	Cooking or Selling Drugs
WLATT	Wass Love All The Time
WTW	What's The Word
YSL	Young Slime Love

Additional Internet Lingo/Slang

LINGO	TRANSLATION	LINGO	TRANSLATION
2 man	Double Date	Kush	Marijuana
Addie	Refers to ADHD (female version)	Lit	Cool/Awesome
Alpha	Those at the "top" of the male socio-sexual hierarchy	Lock in	Become massively focused on something
AMA	Ask me anything	LOL	Laughing out loud
Ana	Refers to Anorexia (female version)	Low-Key	Quiet/Modest
Andy	Refers to ADHD (male version)	LVL	Refers to what age someone is
Annie	Refers to Anxiety (female version)	Max	Refers to Anxiety (male version)
ASL	Age/Sex/Location	Maxxing	Improve one's physical appearance
Ate	You successfully did something/pulled something off	Merch	Merchandise
ATM	At the moment	Mewing	Face Exercise to improve Jawline
Aura points	A term used to determine how cool or not you are	Mia	Refers to Bulimia (female version)
Beige flag	A quality of someone that is weird/off-putting but not enough to break up/reject them	MOFO	Mother f*****
Bella	Refers to Borderline (female version)	Molly	MDMA
Ben	Refers to Borderline (male version)	Mood	Relatable feeling or situation
Bet	I agree	NBD	No big deal
Beta	Someone who is weak/soft (in opposition to alpha or sigma)	NM	Not much/Nothing much
BF/GF	Boyfriend/Girlfriend	No Cap	No Lie
BFF	Best friend forever	Noob	Inexperienced
Bih	Short form of b****	NP	No problem
Bill	Refers to Bulimia (male version)	NVM	Never mind
Bob	Refers to Bipolar (male version)	O/	Used as a form of emoji to resemble the Nazi salute
Body count	The number of people an individual has had sex with	Olive	Refers to OCD (female version)
Bonespo or Thinspo	Utilized as a term regarding eating disorders that refers to images of	OMW	On my way

	bones protruding that are “inspiring”		
Bop	A good hit, something you enjoy or can refer to someone who has had many sexual partners	Oof	Onomatopoeia when something bad happens
Bot	Cannot be trusted A gaming phrase used when someone is playing poorly	Owen	Refers to OCD (male version)
Brat summer	Term based on the singer Charli XCX’s 2024 album “Brat” but refers to an aesthetic trend of lots of partying and a “cool girl” lifestyle	Pat	Refers to Paranoia (male version)
Bri	Refers to Bipolar (female version)	Perry	Refers to Paranoia (female version)
Bruh	“Bro” but in a sarcastic way often	Ping/Pinging/Pingers	Slang referring to MDMA/ecstasy
BTW	By the way	Plug	Someone who can connect you to buying drugs
Bussin	Something is good or amazing	Pookie	A term of endearment as a nickname you call someone, or is used to describe something that is cute
Cake	Used to describe an individual with a large bottom	POS	Piece of s***
Cancelled	Bad publicity	POV	Point of view
Canon event	Moment in development that shapes an individual’s life	PPL	People
Cap	Lie	Pressed	Annoyed/Angry
Cat	Refers to self-harm (female version)	qq	A texting term for crying
Cat scratches	Epidermis cuts	Rex	Refers to Anorexia (male version)
CEO of [something]	Used to represent frequently doing something. Example: Leah is the CEO of sleeping in.	Rizz/Rizzler	To charm and woo a person
Cheugy	Used to describe something that is out of date/basic	RN	Right now
Crash out	A visible breakdown displaying erratic behavior	Roasted	To be dissed
Cray	Crazy	RT	Retweet
Cuffed	To be locked down in a relationship	Saints Culture	An extremist trend within the white supremacist movement where individuals who have committed extreme acts of hate-motivated violence are referred to as ‘Saints’
CW	Current Weight	Salty	To be upset/bitter about something
Cyber	Sex online	Sam	Refers to self-harm (male version)

Dallas	Refers to suicidal (male version)	Scoom/Scoomer	Shooting/Shooter
Dan	Refers to depression (male version)	Selfie	Picture of yourself
Dead	Funny/Unbelievable	Sending Me	Something that is very funny
Deada**	Being serious	Sewerslide	Term to refer to suicide but is commonly used on TikTok to avoid content moderation
Deb	Refers to depression (female version)	SH	Self-Harm
Deepfake	A video of a person where their face or body has been digitally altered (almost always in a malicious way)	Shade	Disrespectful manner
Deets	Details	SHEDTWT	Self-Harm Eating Disorder Twitter
Delulu	Short for delusional and is used when someone has unrealistic ideas of things	Shook	Shocked/Surprised
Demure	Used on the internet to refer to a modest/reserved girl and associated activities	SHTWT	Self-Harm Twitter
DGAF	Don't give a f***	Sick	Crazy/Awesome
DM	Direct message	Sigma	Males who live outside of the hierarchy/are lone wolves but are very desirable
Drip	Good fashion sense	Simping	To have a crush on someone
DTF	Down To F***	Skibidi	Has multiple meanings of cool, dumb, or bad, and originated from meme culture through Skibidi Toilet which is a popular YouTube video
Ed	Refers to EDNOS (male version)	Skip	Refers to Schizophrenia (male version)
Edgelord	A poster on an internet forum – primarily 4chan – who expresses opinions that are nihilistic or refer to taboo topics to offend readers	Slay	Succeed
EDNOS	Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified	SMH	Shaking my head
EDTWT	Eating Disorder Twitter	Snack	An attractive person
Ellie	Refers to EDNOS (female version)	Snack/Meal	An attractive person
Emo	Emotional	Snap	Snapchat
Extra	Over-the-top	Snatched	Looking good
F4F	Follow for follow	Sophie	Refers to Schizophrenia (female version)
Faded	Drunk/Intoxicated	Squad	Group of friends
Fanum Tax	Forcefully deriving any unknown property from its rightful owner	Stan	A crazed fan
Fav/Fave	Favorite	STFU	Shut the f*** up
Fierce	Awesome/Positive Spirit	Stoked	Excited
Finsta/Spams	A secondary social media account	Story	Social media feature where

			you can add photos/videos that are viewable for 24 hours
Fire	Cool/Awesome	Styro	A self-harm cut that reaches the dermis
Fit	Outfit	Subway surfing	Trend of teens riding on top of moving trains and partaking in dangerous stunts in reference to the popular mobile game
Flex	Showing off	Sue	Refers to suicidal (female version)
FML	F*** my life	Suiclid	Term to refer to suicide but is commonly used on TikTok to avoid content moderation
FWB	Friends with benefits	Sus	Suspicious
Gas	Used to describe something that is cool	Swag	Being or having something cool
GG	Good game	Taking a L	Taking a loss
Ghosted	The relationship ended by someone disappearing and ending all contact	TBH	To be honest
GOAT	Greatest of all time	Tea	Gossip/interesting news
Go-Off/Pop-Off	To hype someone up	Terrorgram	Used to refer to a specific section of Telegram that is based on spreading propaganda to recruit members and coordinate violent activities that align with neo-fascist and militant accelerationist ideologies (White Supremacist focused group)
Griffrule	Defines how you should only express your true feelings online and not to anyone in person, and includes a subreddit for people to talk about their deepest secrets	Thicc	A sexualized term for a desirable body
GTFO	Get the f*** out	Thirsty	A synonym for someone who is sexually eager
GTG/G2G	Got to go	Tho	Though
Gucci	Something is good/cool	Thot	Used to negatively refer to someone with multiple sexual partners (that h** over there)
GW	Goal Weight	TJD	Anti-Semitic phrase representing "Total Jewish Death"
HBD	Happy Birthday	TOR	The Onion Router (browser used to access the dark web)
HBU	How about you	Troll	Internet bully
Hella	A lot/really	TTYL	Talk to you later
High key	Very interested in something	TW	Trigger Warning
HundoP	100% sure about something	TXT	Text

IDC	I don't care	UGW	Ultimate Goal Weight
IDK	I don't know	VSCO Girl	Girls that use VSCO
IG	Instagram	W/E	Whatever
ILY/ILU	I love you	WDYM	What do you mean
IMO	In my opinion	Weak	Amused
IMU	I miss you	Weimerica	Term used by white supremacist groups to represent a turn towards the United States aligning with the Weimer Republic ideologies
Isaiah	Refers to insomnia (male version)	Winter arc	Trend to promote positivity during wintertime
It's Giving	Connecting someone or something's look or vibe with an ironic connotation	WYA	Where are you at?
Izzy	Refers to insomnia (female version)	Yeet	To discard an item at a high velocity
JK	Just kidding	YOLO	You only live once
Karen	Used to refer to an entitled mom	Zaza	Marijuana
KMS/KYS	Kill myself/Kill yourself	Zip bomb	A compressed file on a computer that takes up little space, but once it is unzipped it takes up a lot of space, causing computer systems to become overwhelmed and disrupted



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