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# **250 extra characters added to Internet**

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<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140620-emoji-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140620-emoji-1.html>

An organization that controls the Internet has added 250 characters in a recent update. The letters, numbers and symbols we see online have a special code. Internet browsers read this code. The system is called Unicode. It makes sure characters look the right way. The new "emoji" include many SMS characters. People can now make nicer-looking websites. They can use new symbols like a smiling face, a thumbs up, or a dove of peace.

"Emoji" started in Japan. They quickly became popular with younger people. "Emoji" in Japanese means "picture-writing character". Phone and software companies, like Apple, Samsung, Nokia, etc. must update their fonts. They have to provide updates so we can use the "emoji". The new "emoji" are mainly for Americans and Europeans. There are things like a hand signal from the U.S. TV series Star Trek.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140620-emoji-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. a recent                             | a. a smiling face      |
| 2. numbers and symbols we see online    | b. SMS characters      |
| 3. It makes sure characters look appear | c. update              |
| 4. The new "emoji" include many         | d. of peace            |
| 5. People can now make nicer-           | e. have a special code |
| 6. new symbols like                     | f. up                  |
| 7. a thumbs                             | g. looking websites    |
| 8. a dove                               | h. the right way       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. "Emoji" started           | a. companies                   |
| 2. "Emoji" in Japanese means | b. Americans                   |
| 3. software                  | c. fonts                       |
| 4. update their              | d. series                      |
| 5. They have to              | e. signal                      |
| 6. mainly for                | f. "picture-writing character" |
| 7. a hand                    | g. in Japan                    |
| 8. U.S. TV                   | h. provide updates             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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"Emoji" started in Japan. They (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with younger people. "Emoji" in Japanese (8) \_\_\_\_\_ character". Phone and (9) \_\_\_\_\_, like Apple, Samsung, Nokia, etc. must (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They have to provide updates (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "emoji". The new "emoji" are mainly for Americans and Europeans. There are things like (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.S. TV series Star Trek.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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