

# What's happening in the news this week?



**8th - 14th January 2024**





## **Can emojis help us to show our feelings?**



**This week's story looks at events related to ...**







# Teacher Guide



## What's going on this week?

10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Baillie, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on [petitiononline.co.uk](https://petitiononline.co.uk).

## This week's news story

<https://uk.pcmag.com/ios/149940/10-year-old-starts-petition-for-apple-to-change-insulting-nerd-emoji>

## This week's useful video

Teddy Cottle's petition  
[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/67576344](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/67576344)

## Teaching Tips and Ideas

### Starting your Picture News Symbols lesson

- Start by looking at the poster, talk through what the children can see, what they like or dislike about the picture and what they think the story might be about.
- Talk through what is happening in this week's story. Use the questions to encourage children to discuss what they know about emojis and why they think someone wants to change one.
- Use the emotions page to discuss how the story makes them feel.

### Taking the lesson further

- This week's picture resource shows some of the different emojis people use.
- Encourage the children to think about what each emoji means and discuss whether everyone agrees. Ask them to consider if an emoji helps us to know how someone is feeling and whether or not they help us to know why someone feels that way.

### This week's sensory ideas

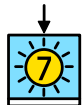
- Provide yellow playdough, pipe cleaners, playdough cutters and heart/star shaped pieces and encourage children to make their own emojis.
- Explore emojis on a tablet or computer. Can you guess what they mean before you find out?



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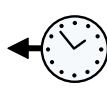
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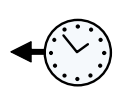
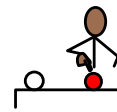


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A 10-year old boy, named Teddy, has started a petition.



Teddy wrote to the company Apple asking them to change this emoji.



He has asked his teacher and class mates to sign his letter.



Teddy's petition is now online.





## What are your thoughts on this week's story?



Let's



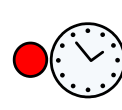
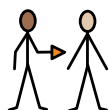
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What are emojis?



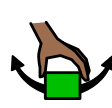
Have you seen any emojis before?



Why do you think



people



use



emojis?



Do you



like



them?



Why do you think



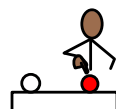
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## Emotions

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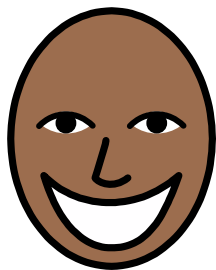
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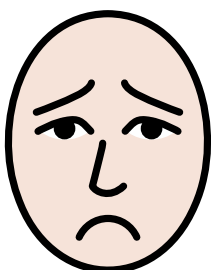
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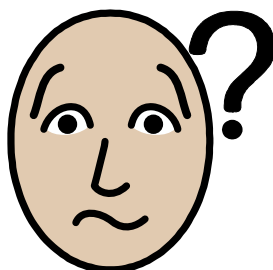
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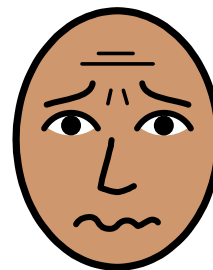
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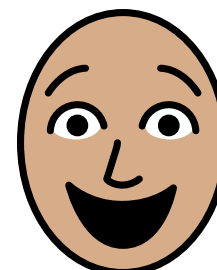
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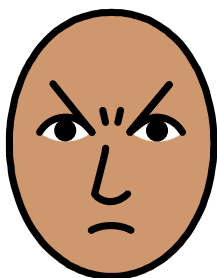
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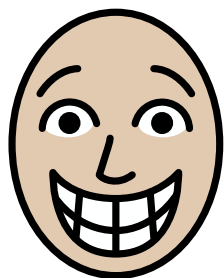
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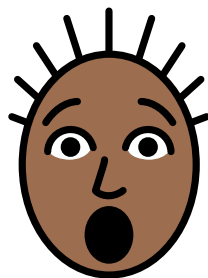
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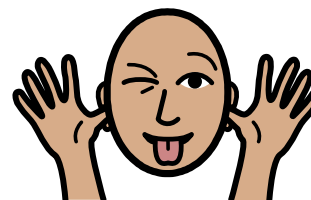
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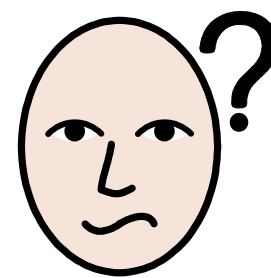
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scared



silly





not sure










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

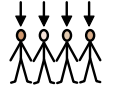

Let's look!











Look at the pictures and discuss some different emojis.




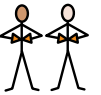
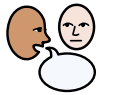


What do you think the different emojis mean?



Does everyone think the same?



Do you think emojis help to know how someone is feeling?



Do they tell us why?





## Picture Resource





# British Values



British



Values

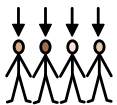


Mutual respect

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Tolerance



Everyone

is



different

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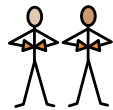
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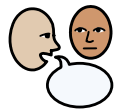
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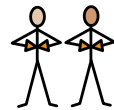


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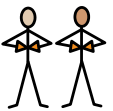
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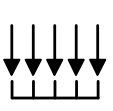
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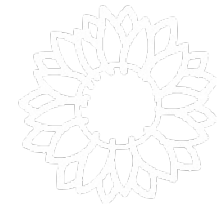
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# Protected Characteristics



Everyone should feel they can use emojis that suit them.

We should never be treated unfairly.



Sex



Sexual  
Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender  
Reassignment



Marriage and  
Civil Partnership



Pregnancy  
and Maternity



Race



Religion  
and Belief





# UN Rights of a Child



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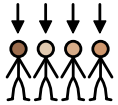


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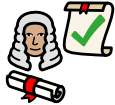


Child



Every child

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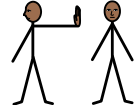


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**NO DISCRIMINATION**



## At Home



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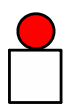
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Can you design your own emoji?



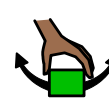
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What will you draw on your emoji?



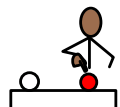
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What colours will you use?

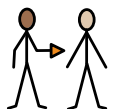


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What will sending someone this emoji mean?



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You might like to design more than one to show different feelings.



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