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**Digital smiles**

Today one of the vital tools for interaction in social media is emoji. People use these non-verbal cues of digital communication a dozen times a day to give a certain color to the typed message. They often help us to clear up the atmosphere of a conversation. By the way, if no emoji is used, it can be a sign of your unwillingness to talk further, or even of your abrupt and non-caring attitude to your partner.

Personally, I am an emoji addict. I always put an emoji while texting and do not give it a thought. In fact, via emoji I can easily express my feelings, sending a heart emoji or tired-face one. In most cases, I just want to be polite and make my words emotionally charged. Into the bargain, I like sending an emoji as it is a faster way to respond a person. However, sometimes I use them to cover my true feelings. For example, if I get an undesirable message and I know it is better not to show it, then I may send a respond with “ok” and a smiley face to convince a person that I am okay. Actually, I know it is quite unfair or even somewhat lying, but when I do not want to undermine relationships, emoji is an option.

To round it all up, I would like to say that the hardest point of texting is to show your sincere empathy. So digital communication will be successful if your partner understands you rightly and reacts adequately. Here is a good point where emojis help us, enabling to express indescribable emotions.