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Emojis in my life

Can you imagine your phone keyboard without emojis? Suppose your friend sends you something funny. In a second, you send him a smiley face emoji, don’t you? You want to congratulate a good friend – is it possible that your message consists only of some kind words and a nice picture?

For better or worse, emojis have become a vital tool of digital communication. It goes without saying that today people tend to communicate via different gadgets. So, as more than half of information comes from non-verbal cues, we need a good replacement for these signals. For example, interacting face-to-face we substitute some words by gestures. What should we do communicating through texting? Personally, I use emojis for this purpose. If I need to express bewilderment I just send a lady throwing up her hands. Another function of emojis is to illustrate a message. Sometimes it is difficult to convey an idea using only words. In this case emoji becomes a visual enhance to your message.

However, it is not so easy to use emojis. I know it sounds ridiculous but it often takes me more time to choose a suitable emoji than to describe my emotions using spoken language. Also, you should be really careful texting to a person of another culture. Watching people from different countries I realized that while Europeans usually use simple yellow smile faces Orientals focus on eyes. Their emojis differ. In this way, choosing an emoji we need to take cultural differences into consideration.

Honestly speaking, now I find emojis a necessary element of a keyboard, like letters or numbers. When I receive an emoji from my close friends I imagine their real facial expressions or gestures and it makes dialogues more live as if we are interacting face-to-face. At the same time, I never send emojis to people I do not know well because it might be perceived as an invasion of privacy.