



Emojis: A Criminal's Best Friend - A2



WARM-UP

Respond to the following questions.

- Do you ever use emojis in your texts or emails? Why or why not?
- Which emojis do you use the most often? What do you mean when you use these symbols?



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article and then respond to the questions below

<https://eslexpertz.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/newzby-emojis-criminal-.pdf>

- What are the two most recognizable emojis according to the text?
- What information can be found in the report mentioned?
- What are “pizzinis”?
- What is the link between “pizzinis” and emojis?
- Is the coded language the same for all criminal organizations? Give some examples.
- Who uses the most creative language?
- What type of new job may come from this?
- **Read the article a second time.** Associate the emojis below with their coded meaning. Multiple responses are sometimes possible.

an order to beat someone up



we have a hostage



the price to save a hostage



stab someone



shoot someone



marijuana



methamphetamine



cocaine



a measurement of drug weight



sell drugs

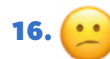
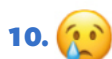


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VOCABULARY EXERCISE

Match the emojis with the emotions or expressions they usually represent.



Yikes!

have a headache

afraid

It's hot!

worried

angry

clever

disappointed

confused

It's cold!

celebrate

sneeze

surprised

Oh my God...

sleepy

I wonder...

Kisses!

sad



SPEAKING

Choose a box below with emojis and imagine a short message that these images may illustrate. Don't tell anyone which box you choose! Present your message out loud to the class. The rest of the class will try to guess which emojis you used.

1.	11.	21.
2.	12.	22.
3.	13.	23.
4.	14.	24.
5.	15.	25.
6.	16.	26.
7.	17.	27.
8.	18.	28.
9.	19.	29.
10.	20.	30.
















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- What information can be found in the report mentioned? **It is a report by three U.S. Agencies about the use of emojis by criminals and criminal organizations.**
- What are "pizzinis"? **They are little pieces of paper that the Sicilian mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano used to communicate via coded messages.**
- What is the link between "pizzinis" and emojis? **Atoday, criminals communicate with emojis to hide their plans. It is a modern day version of the pizzini.**
- Is the coded language the same for all criminal organizations? **No, every gang uses their own code.**
- Who uses the most creative language? **Drug dealers and traffickers.**
- What type of new job may come from this? **Emoji interpreter.**
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