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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140620-emoji-0.html>

The Internet has 250 new characters, called "emoji". They look like small pictures. The letters, numbers and symbols we see online have a special code. Internet browsers read this code. We can use the new "emoji" code and make websites that look nicer. There are new symbols like a smiling face, a thumbs up, and a dove of peace.

"Emoji" started in Japan. Young people love using them.

"Emoji" in Japanese means "picture-writing character". Phone and software companies must update their fonts. Then we can use the new "emoji". A lot of the new "emoji" are for Americans and Europeans. There is a hand signal from the U.S. TV series Star Trek.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The Internet has 250 | a. pictures |
| 2. They look like small | b. face |
| 3. The letters, numbers and | c. code |
| 4. a special | d. look nicer |
| 5. Internet | e. symbols we see online |
| 6. make websites that | f. peace |
| 7. a smiling | g. new characters |
| 8. a dove of | h. browsers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. "Emoji" started | a. "picture-writing character" |
| 2. Young people love | b. for Americans |
| 3. "Emoji" in Japanese means | c. in Japan |
| 4. Phone and software | d. fonts |
| 5. update their | e. signal |
| 6. A lot of the new "emoji" are | f. using them |
| 7. a hand | g. series |
| 8. the U.S. TV | h. companies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Internet has 250 (1) _____, called "emoji".

They look like small pictures. The letters,

(2) _____ we see online have a special code.

Internet (3) _____ code. We can use the new

"emoji" code and (4) _____ look nicer. There

are new (5) _____ smiling face, a thumbs up,

and a (6) _____.

"Emoji" (7) _____. Young people

(8) _____. "Emoji" in Japanese

(9) _____ character". Phone and software

companies (10) _____ fonts. Then we can use

the new "emoji". (11) _____ "emoji" are for

Americans and Europeans. There is (12) _____

from 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) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

