For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

Lesson 4 Emojis as the New Language

Warm-up questions.
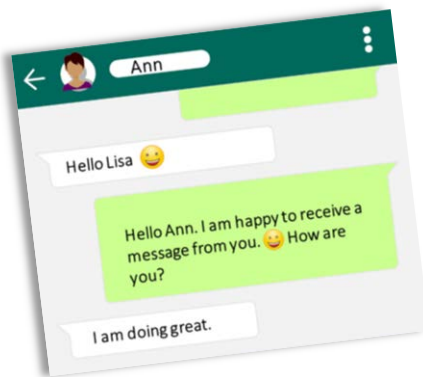
1. What do we call these?

2. Can you describe the faces?

3. Where can you see them?

Emojis as the New Language

Emojis are tiny pictures we use in text messages. They are a quick way of communicating an emotion or idea. In fact, these little pictures make texting so fun that they have become a part of our everyday life.

text message – a short written message

texting – making a message by phone

communicate – to share information

Read and learn.

The word "emoji" comes from two Japanese words. "E" means a picture and "moji" means a character. They were created in 1998 by a Japanese engineer. They started taking off in 2010 and then became the fastest growing language.

character – a letter, number or sign used in writing

characters

Read and learn.

The year 2015 was a historic year for emojis. Oxford Dictionaries chose an emoji as the Word of the Year. Yes, it is the emoji "Face with Tears of Joy". It is still one of the most popular emojis today.

Now, there are more than 3,000 emojis and new emojis are added every year. Emoji is an international language that is used to communicate with anyone around the world.

historic – a mark of an important event

international – involving more than one country

Match the words to their meanings.

1. character

2. international

3. texting

4. historic

5. text message

6. communicate

A. to share information

B. a short written message

C. a mark of an important event

D. involving more than one country

E. a letter, number or sign use in writing

F. making a message by phone

take off

to begin to fly	to become successful

Our plane will take off at 3:00.

They work hard and their sales take off.

➕ Out of the clues, make sentences using "take off"

plane

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job; painter

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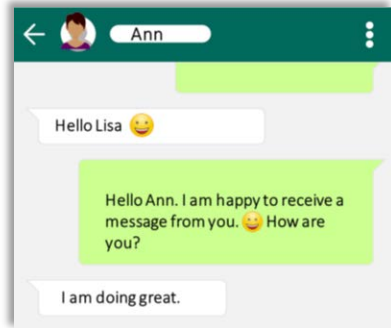
Answer the questions.

1. What does the word "emoji" mean?

2. When can we use emojis?

3. Why do people use them?

4. What's one of the most popular emojis in 2015?

5. Why was 2015 a historic year for emojis?