

The Unofficial Smiley Dictionary

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David W. Sanderson (ed.), "Smileys", O'Reilly & Associates, Sebastopol, CA. 93 pages. ISBN 1-56592-041-4. Price \$5.95 (US).

Basic Smileys

- :-) Your basic smiley. This smiley is used to inflect a sarcastic or joking statement since we can't hear voice inflection over e-mail.
 - ;-) Winky smiley. User just made a flirtatious and/or sarcastic remark. More of a "don't hit me for what I just said" smiley.
 - :- (Frowning smiley. User did not like that last statement or is upset or depressed about something.
 - :-| Indifferent smiley. Better than a `:-(' but not quite as good as a `:-) '.
 - :-> User just made a really biting sarcastic remark. Worse than a `;-) '.
 - >:-> User just made a really devilish remark.
 - >:-> Winky and devil combined. A very lewd remark was just made.
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Widely used Smileys

- (-: User is left handed.
- %-) User has been staring at a green screen for 15 hours straight.
- :*) User is drunk.
- [:] User is a robot.

- 8-) User is wearing sunglasses.
- B:-) Sunglasses on head.
- ::-) User wears normal glasses.
- B-) User wears horn-rimmed glasses.
- 8:-) User is a little girl.
- :-)-8 User is a Big girl.
- :-{) User has a mustache.
- :-{) User wears lipstick.
- {:-) User wears a toupee.
- }:-(Toupee in an updraft.
- :-[User is a vampire.
- :-E Bucktoothed vampire.
- :-F Bucktoothed vampire with one tooth missing.
- :-7 User juust made a wry statement.
- :-* User just ate something sour.
- :-)~ User drools.
- :-~) User has a cold.
- :'- (User is crying.
- :'-) User is so happy, s/he is crying.
- :-@ User is screaming.
- :-# User wears braces.
- :-^) User has a broken nose.
- :-v) User has a broken nose, but it's the other way.
- :-_) User's nose is sliding off of his face.

- :<) User is from an Ivy League School.
- :-& User is tongue tied.
- =:-) User is a hosehead.
- -:-) User is a punk rocker.
- -:-(Real punk rockers don't smile.
- :=) User has two noses.
- +:-:-) User is the Pope or holds some other religious office.
- `:-) User shaved one of his eyebrows off this morning.
- ,:-) Same thing...other side.
- |-I User is asleep.
- |-O User is yawning/snoring.
- :-Q User is a smoker.
- :-? User smokes a pipe.
- O-) Megaton Man On Patrol! (or else, user is a scuba diver)
- O :-) User is an angel (at heart, at least).
- :-` User spitting out its chewing tobacco.
- :-S User just made an incoherent statement.
- :-D User is laughing (at you!)
- :-X User's lips are sealed.
- :-C User is really bummed.
- <|-) User is Chinese.
- <|-(User is Chinese and doesn't like these kind of jokes.
- :-/ User is skeptical.
- C=:-) User is a chef.

- @= User is pro-nuclear war.
 - *<:-) User is wearing a Santa Claus Hat.
 - :-o Uh oh!
 - (8-o It's Mr. Bill!
 - *:o) And Bozo the Clown!
 - 3:l Pet smiley.
 - 3:[Mean Pet smiley.
 - d8= Your pet beaver is wearing goggles and a hard hat.
 - E-:-) User is a Ham radio operator.
 - :-9 User is licking his/her lips.
 - %-6 User is braindead.
 - [:-) User is wearing a walkman.
 - (:I User is an egghead.
 - <:-I User is a dunce.
 - K:P User is a little kid with a propeller beanie.
 - @:-) User is wearing a turban.
 - :-0 No Yelling! (Quiet Lab)
 - :-: Mutant smiley; the invisible smiley.
 - .-) User only has one eye.
 - ,-) Ditto...but he's winking.
 - x-(User just died.
 - 8 :-) User is a wizard.
 - -=* :-) User is a TeX wizard.
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Midget Smileys

A lot of these can be typed without noses to make midget smileys.

- :) Midget smiley.
 - :] Gleep...a friendly midget smiley who will gladly be your friend.
 - =) Variation on a theme...
 - :} What should we call these? (what?)
 - :) Happy.
 - :> What?
 - :@ What?
 - :D Laughter.
 - :I Hmmm...
 - :(Sad.
 - :[Real Downer.
 - :< What?
 - :{ What?
 - :o Yelling.
 - :c What?
 - :Q What?
 - :,(Crying.
 - [] Hugs and ...
 - :* Kisses.
 - |I Asleep.
 - ^o Snoring.
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Mega Smileys

- c=> ; * { }) A drunk, devilish chef with a toupee in an updraft, a mustache, and a double chin.
 - } : ^ # }) Updrafted bushy-mustached pointy nosed smiley with a double-chin.
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Usenet Smileys

In some Usenet articles you might also find these smileys which form a certain "dialect" developed and used in this most creative environment.

- ~ ~ : - (Net.flame
 - O | -) Net.religion
 - 8 : - I Net.unix-wizards
 - X - (Net.suicide
 - E - : - I Net.ham-radio
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Emotional Smileys

- : -) ha ha
- | -) hee hee
- | - D ho ho
- : - > hey hey
- : - (boo hoo
- : - I hmmm
- : - O oops
- : - P nyahhhh!

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