



Emojinspiration!

These days, I find myself hard-pressed to write a social media post or text message that does not have an emoji or two in it to help fully express my message. Memes and jokes are built around our “most used” emojis, and many emojis are given special meanings not always obvious to a casual user. All of this is to say, emojis are more than cute images thrown around the internet, I believe they can inspire story. I have created a brand new writing prompt tool using emojis as our building blocks.

What You Need:

- Pages 2-7 printed (not back to back)
- A pair of scissors
- 3 Snack size Ziploc bags
- 1 Quart size Ziploc bags
- A marker to write on the bags

Set Up:

1. Label the three Snack size Ziploc bags “Emotions,” “Objects” and “Settings” while you print your pages.
2. Label the Quart size bag “Emojinspiration Writing Prompt Tool.”
3. Use the scissor to cut each “Emotions” emoji into a separate square of paper and put them in the EMOTIONS bag.
4. Repeat the process for the “Objects” pages and Ziploc bag, and then again for the “Settings” pages and Ziploc bag.
5. Place all three Snack size Ziploc bags inside the Quart size bag.

Game 1: The Classic

The simplest way to use this tool to inspire story is to shake up each of your bags, select one square from the EMOTIONS bag, one square from the OBJECTS bag, and one square from the SETTINGS bag. Write a story with a character experiencing the selected emotion, in the setting selected, all because of the object selected.

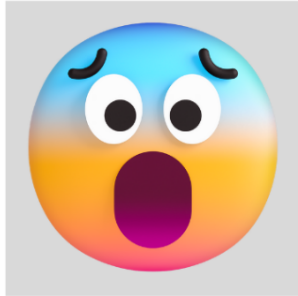
Game 2: The Character Shift

A slight alteration to the original can help us practice getting our characters to change within story. This time shake up each of your bags, select TWO SQUARES from the EMOTIONS bag, one square from the OBJECTS bag, and one square from the SETTINGS bag. Write a story with a character changing from the first emotion to the second, in the setting selected, all because of the object selected.

Game 3: The Grid of Inspiration

This game is inspired by RORY'S STORY CUBES, but, in this version, requires you to get a bit messy. Toss all of the squares on a flat surface, preferably picture side down. Mix them up and then select NINE random squares and arrange them in a 3 by 3 grid. Write a story which includes all nine pictures in some way.

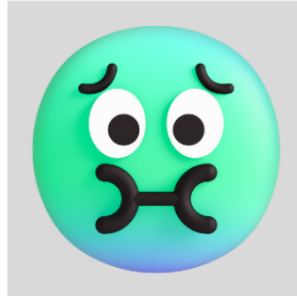
EMOTIONS



surprised



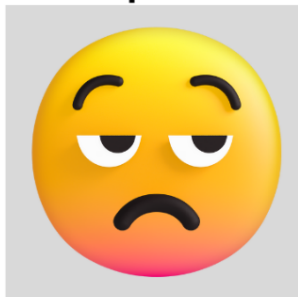
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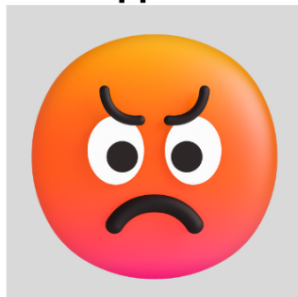
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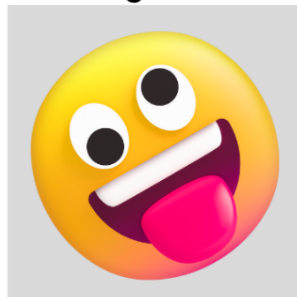
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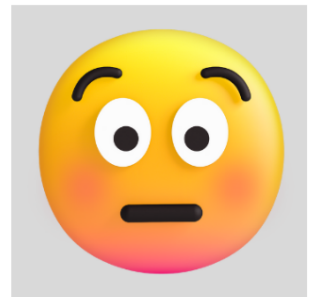
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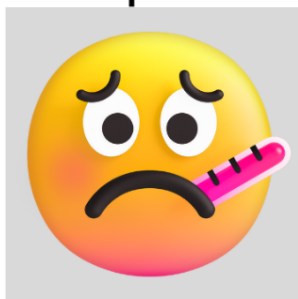
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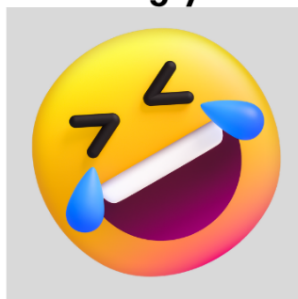
silly



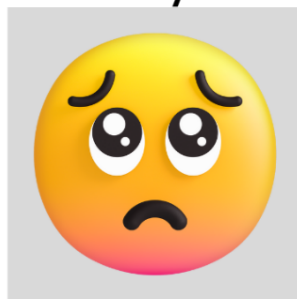
embarrassed



sick



elated



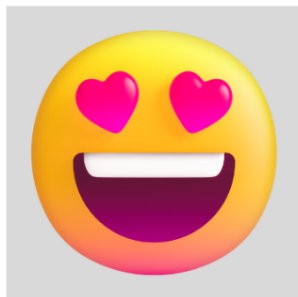
devastated



happy



content



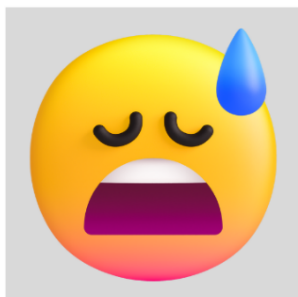
loved



starstruck



confident



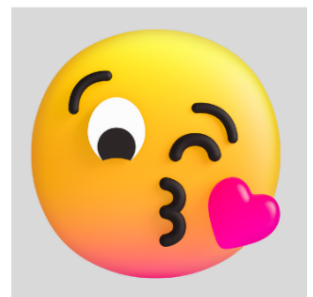
exhausted



angelic



excited



loving

OBJECTS



safety glasses



scarf



sari



backpack



crown



beads



lipstick



bell



headphones



guitar



phone



battery



disk



camera



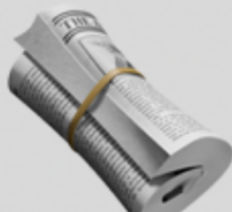
magnifying glass



flashlight



books



newspaper



box

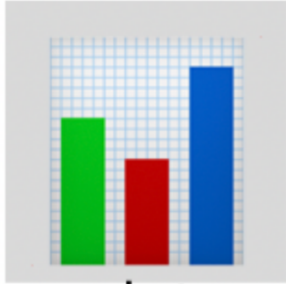


paintbrush

OBJECTS



folder



chart



scissors



lock



axe



boomerang



scale



chain



test tube



pill



window



trap



broom



gravestone



statue



cart



telescope



key



pin



vest

SETTINGS



earth



mountain



stadium



boarded up home



medical building



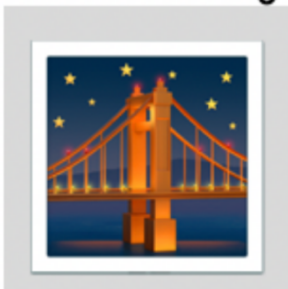
castle



place of worship



tent



bridge



circus



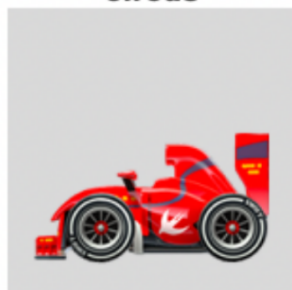
train



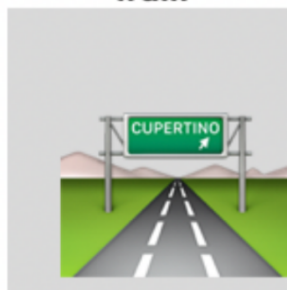
fire truck



taxi



racecar



road



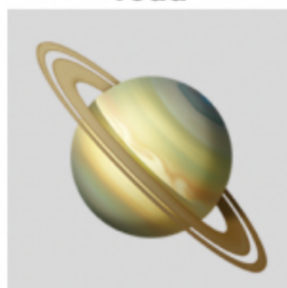
boat



airplane seat



space ship



other planet



rainbow

SETTINGS



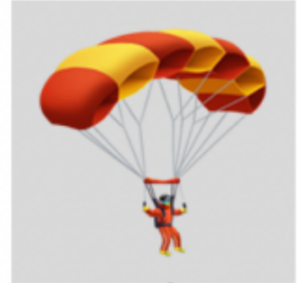
ocean



storm



3:30



parachute



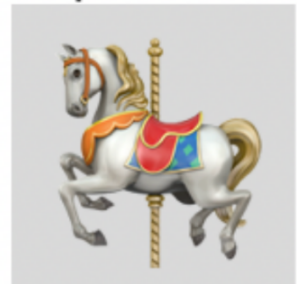
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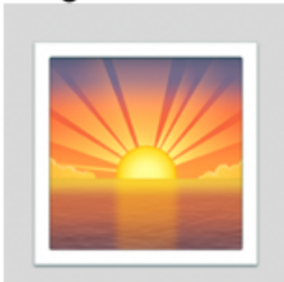
skating



barber shop



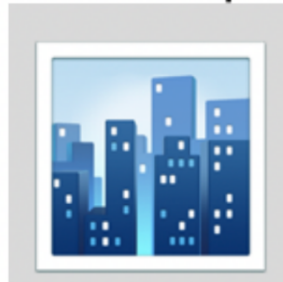
carosel



sunrise



fountain



city



factory



building



neighborhood



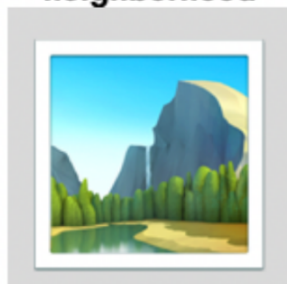
yurt



construction site



desert



lake/valley



slide



barrel