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Online: put on a :-) face

Icons, emoticons, smiley faces — love them or hate them, you can't escape them. Here are some Web sites that will make you either love them or hate them all the more:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emoticon

Includes common examples of emoticons created using characters on any keyboard as well as emoticons from other cultures, and graphic and animated ones.

netlingo.com/smiley.cfm

Guide to commonly used emoticons and some not so common: Offer someone a rose by using }>-; . Or lick your lips with :-9 . Or salute someone with M:-) .

ask.com

Type (or paste) an unfamiliar emoticon into the search box, and it will tell you what it means when you hit the search button.

iconarchive.com

Thousands of inviting icon creations available for PCs and Macs. Most are free for private use. Everything is organized by category, or you can search for something specific.

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