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Read the following resources before answering the questions below

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/emojis-forever-pringle-1.4577456>
* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/emoji-equality-google-1.3698970>

Questions

1. List and explain five (5) examples of how "images are becoming the new mode of expression."

* People are using emojis to replace words when writing a sentence. This would mean that people are using emojis to condense the sentences that people write.
* There were five billion emojis sent in the past year by smartphones. People are sending so many emojis that people have sent five billion emojis in the last year.
* Emojis are reproducing human characteristics that are used in the real world into the digital world. Emojis are giving more feeling when you are texting someone and this is cool because most of the time when you text someone you do not know the expression that they are making.
* Pictures can mean a thousand words, so this would mean is that a picture can mean many things that people can interpret.
* Seventy percent of the meaning of an oral conversation comes from nonverbal cues. Therefore, when people see a text they would understand the image or emoji before they would understand the words in the text.

1. List and explain five (5) advantages of using emojis in communication.

* One advantage to using emojis in communication is that it can reproduce human characteristics. This would mean that emojis are recreating the faces that people would make in real life and this would let people know the emotion that you are trying to express.
* Emojis is a visual form of communication that has the potential to be more accessible, or universal than traditional alphabetic scripts. When you are using emojis, it can make it easier to express an emotion that can be hard to explain in words. Therefore, emojis would be the better to use to show emotion than trying to express yourself in words.
* Emojis work as a way to minimize the time and effort required to communicate with another person. This would mean that people are using emojis to shorten the time they take to type a text to someone.
* Emojis would add personality to the text that you send to the other person. This would mean that the text that you are sending is not a text that has no feeling to it. Therefore, emojis would make a text more meaningful to the other person.
* Emojis can help you communicate with foreigners because emojis are images and basically an image can be interpreted by anyone even if they speak a different a language. So, if you try to communicate with a person that does not know your language, you can use emojis to help you communicate with the other person.

1. List and explain five (5) disadvantages of using emojis in communication

* One disadvantage to using emoji’s is that emojis can mean many things such as when you use a poop emoji people can interpret differently than the way you would interpret it. For example, if you are sending the poop emoji as a joke, the other person that you are sending it to can think that you are calling them poop.
* Another disadvantage is that since there are emojis with different skin colours this could start problems where are you are making fun of another person’s race. For example, if you send an emoji of a black person face and you were saying that the doctor that you went to was bad. Some people can think that you are making fun of black people and calling black people bad doctors.
* There were emojis that were created based on disabled people and all the emojis of disabled people are in wheel chairs. These emojis would not represent disabled people in a positive way because it is representing that all disabled people are in wheel chairs.
* Another thing is that emojis do not support the gay community too much because there is not a gay flag emoji. The people from the gay community sent a request to have the flag put in.
* It took a long time for emojis of women in different jobs to be made and it was only recently that emojis of a female doctor, scientist, welder and mechanic was added. This means that women were being discriminated before these emojis were made.

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the comment "nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words.". (for or against)

I am against this comment which is "nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words". I am against this comment because emojis are not replacing all our ways of communication. For example, you cannot use emojis to tell someone the time that you want to meet him or her. When you are texting, it is stilled needed to use words because a picture cannot explain everything. In a text you would want to make sure that the other person understands what you are saying, so you would use a combination of both words and emojis. Emojis are replacing some of the words that are used in a text, but they are not replacing all the words that you would use. Therefore, it is not important to worry about emojis replacing words because emojis cannot represent all the words that you would type in a text.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity affects users.

* It would make people have a fun when texting because there is big varity of emojis to pick from. This would mean that people are able to pick different kind of emojis such as a happy face or crying face and it would make the people texting have a fun time.
* Emojis would not make women feel like they are not being discriminated anymore because there are emojis for both male and females now. So, now women would not feel like that they are excluded anymore.
* There are same-sex family emojis and this would make people from the LGBTQ community and this would support this community more. These emojis would show that these people would always be accepted in our society.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity is being addressed by companies such as Google.

* Apple and Google have created emojis that have different skin tones and cultures. This would show that there are a lot of different cultures, religions and races in the world.
* Google introduced gender equality emojis where now there are emojis of different jobs for both males and females. This would make women feel that they are not being discriminated when it comes to emojis anymore.
* Apple created the same-sex family emojis and this would give support to the people from the LGBTQ community. This shows that Apple supports that there are some same-sex marriages and it is ok to have them.

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the twitter comment “isn't there more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than emojis?” (for or against)

I am against this twitter comment which is “isn't there more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than emojis?”. I am against this comment because it is important that women are represented in emojis. If women are not represented in emojis that means you are saying that women are not worth being represented as emojis and this would mean you are discriminating women. Women are people that would live in our society too, so you have to add them in emojis because women can do the same things that men can do. For example, both men and women can become doctors, teachers, business owners and many other jobs. Therefore, women need to be represented as emojis too because they are as important in our society as men.