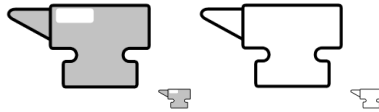


Proposal for Emoji: Anvil

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1. **Identification:** anvil
 - a. **Keywords:** heavy, weight, blacksmith, metalwork
 - b. **Category:** Objects > Tools
2. **Images:**
 - a. **Color and black&white example images**



- b. **Licence:** These images are licenced under a [CC BY-SA 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/) licence

3. Factors for Inclusion

- a. **Expresses multiple concepts:** Yes
 - i. Represents the idea of "heavy things"
 1. In contrast with "light things" like feather 🪶
 2. Other heavy things are not specifically heavy, but an anvil is very associated with the idea of heavy
 - a. Other heavy things include whale 🐳 elephant 🐘 person lifting weights 🏋️ filing cabinet 🗄️
 - ii. Represents the idea of "accidents": anvils are used extensively in cartoon media as falling objects
 - iii. Can be used to illustrate the idea of "dropping a bombshell"
- b. **Can be used with other emoji to convey additional concepts:** Yes
 - i. Can be combined with person and a Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ) to create "blacksmith" job
 - ii. Can be combined with any emoji and a Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ) to create a "squished" version of that emoji
 1. compression 🗜️ could also be used for this
 - iii. Can be used with the cloud ☁️ emoji to represent "anvil clouds" ([Cumulonimbus incus on Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumulonimbus_incus))
- c. **Breaks new ground:** Yes
 - i. Some tool emoji exist but there is nothing for blacksmithing, which is important in every culture. Existing tool emoji include:
 1. hocho (Japanese kitchen knife) 🗡️ hammer 🔨 wrench 🗝️ nut and bolt 🛠️
 2. hammer and pick 🛠️ pick ⚒️ hammer and wrench 🔨🗝️ toolbox 🧰 screwdriver 🔩 carpentry saw 🪚
 - ii. There is no emoji to broadly represent metalwork. Related emoji include:
 1. gear ⚙️ chains ⛓️ old key 🗝️
 - iii. Anvils are important historical devices for a metalworking society. Other related historical devices include:
 1. scales ⚖️ alembic 🧪

d. Is legible and visually distinctive: Yes

- i. There are many different shapes and types of anvil. The shape proposed by this document is representative of a whole class of anvils.
- ii. The anvil shape is recognisable as it is used throughout media - like children's cartoons - without prior explanation

e. Completes an incomplete category: N/A

f. Is needed for compatibility with popular existing systems: N/A

g. Has a high usage level

i. In popular culture

1. Anvils are referenced often in TV shows, such as "Where did all the Anvils go?" from "Gilmore Girls" ([YouTube](#), [wiki](#))
2. From [Wikipedia](#): "A typical [...] anvil [...] is a standard prop for [cartoon gags](#), as the epitome of a heavy and clumsy object that is perfect for dropping onto an antagonist. This visual metaphor is common, for example, in [Warner Brothers' Looney Tunes](#) and [Merrie Melodies](#) shorts, such as those with [Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner](#).^[4]"

ii. In video games

Anvils are incredibly pervasive throughout video games. A few examples include: [Minecraft](#) - [Terraria](#) - [Starbound](#) - [Valheim](#) - [V-Rising](#) - [World of Warcraft](#) - [Runescape](#) - [The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim](#) - [Roblox Islands](#) - [Stardew Valley](#) - [Sun Haven](#) - [Nightingale](#) - [Dwarf Fortress](#) - [Wizard101](#) - [ARK: Survival Evolved](#) - [Eco](#) - [Muck](#) - [Core Keeper](#) - [Necesse](#) - [Northwind](#) - [Dragon Quest Builders 2](#) - [Guild Wars 2](#) - [Dead Poly](#) - [Divinity: Original Sin](#) - [Colony Survival](#)

iii. As audio

1. The anvil "clang" sound effect is used and distributed extensively (see soundboards: [pixabay](#), [myinstants](#), [pond5](#), [deadsounds](#))
2. From [Wikipedia](#): "Anvils have been used as [percussion instruments](#) in several famous [musical compositions](#), including [...]"

iv. In tradition

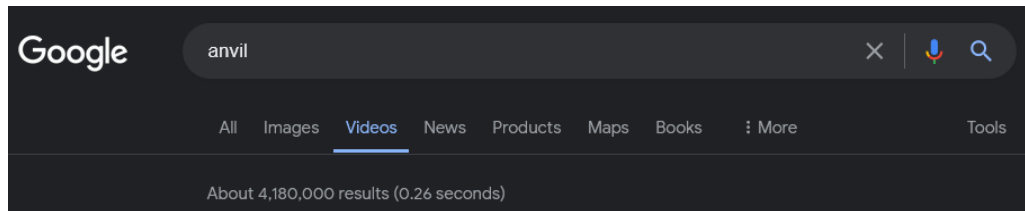
For example, anvils have a high historical importance in Gretna Green ([Wikipedia](#)) in Scotland, where they have become symbols of weddings, and priests there referred to as "anvil priests" ([Wikipedia](#))

v. Search Frequency

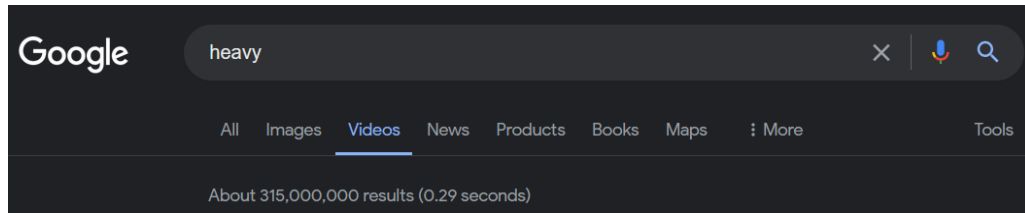
For all trend results, the search for "heavy" is also included, as it is deemed a relevant search term related to the anvil.

1. Google Video Search:

[About 4,180,000 results](#) (anvil)

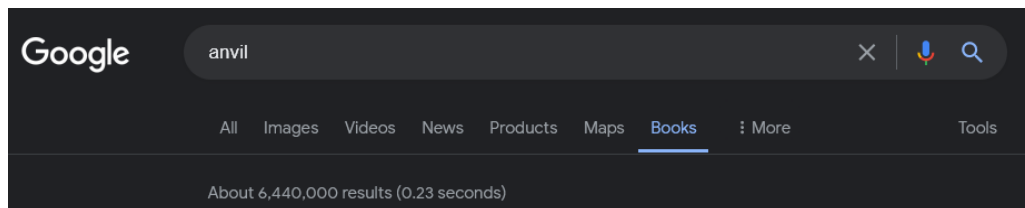


[About 315,000,000 results](#) (heavy)

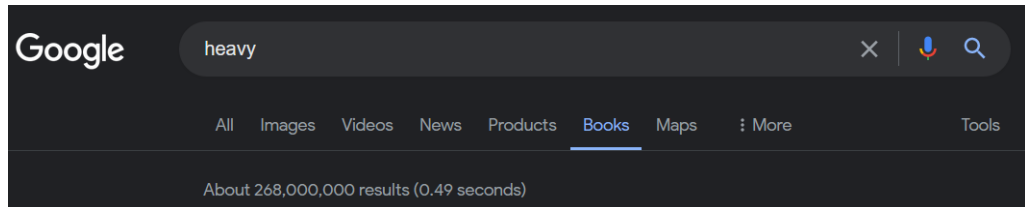


2. Google Books:

[About 6,440,000 results](#) (heavy)



[About 268,000,000 results](#) (heavy)



3. Google Books Ngram Viewer:

[Anvil](#)

Google Books Ngram Viewer

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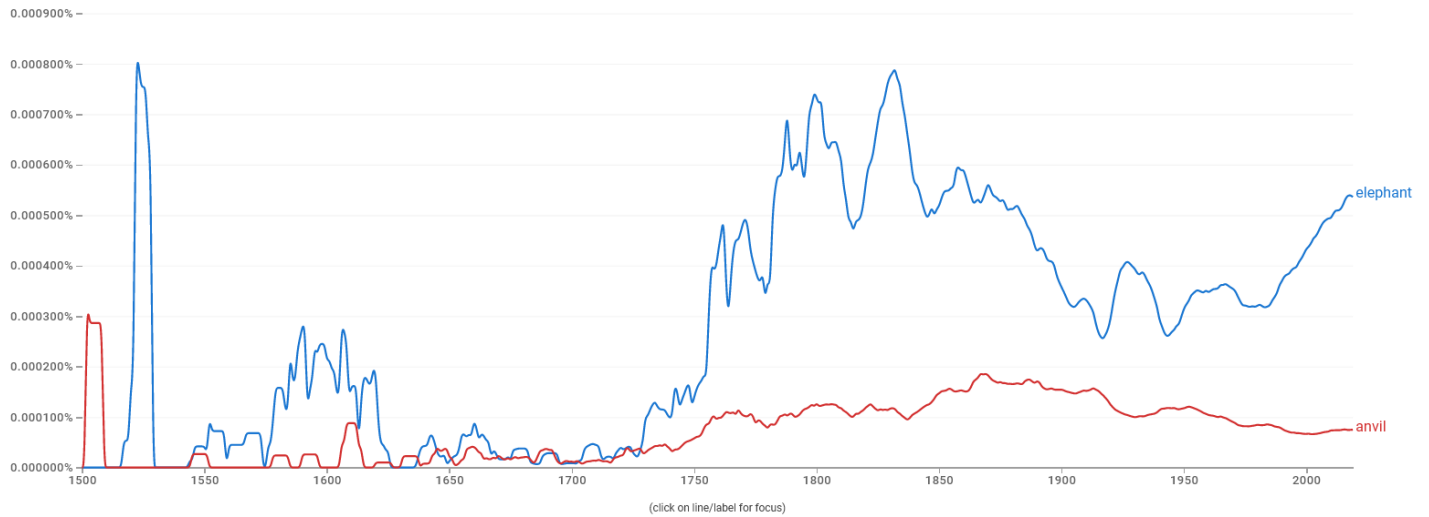
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1500 - 2019

English (2019)

Case-Insensitive

Smoothing



[Heavy](#)

Google Books Ngram Viewer

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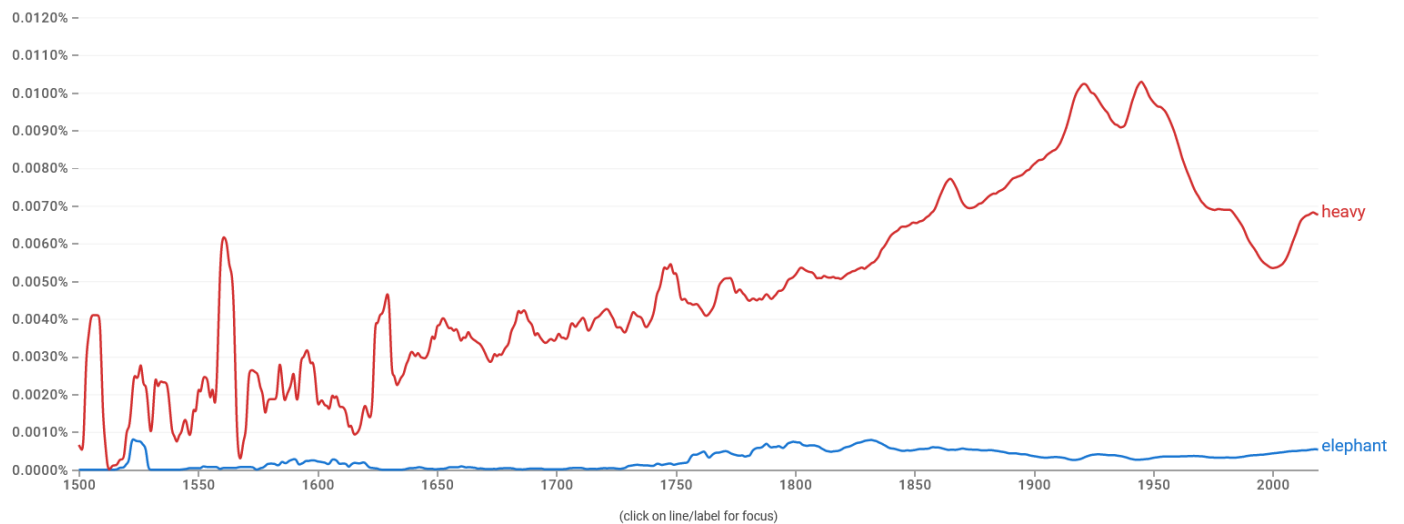
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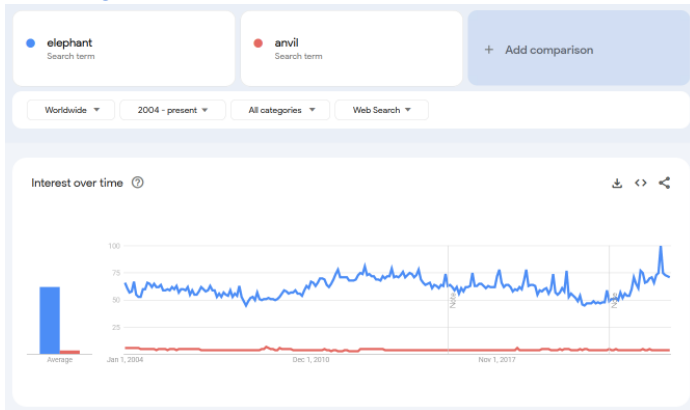
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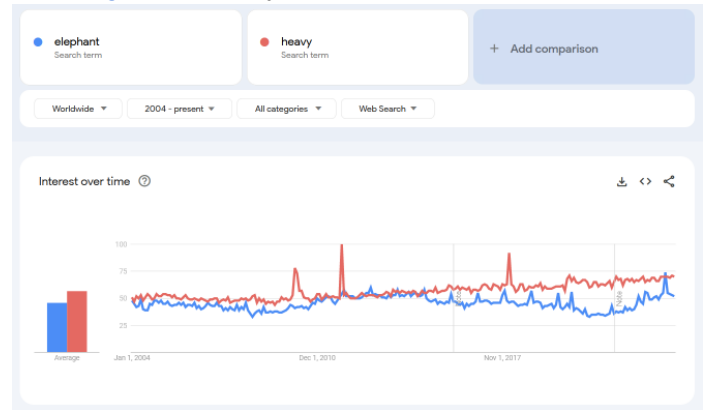


4. Google Trends: Web Search

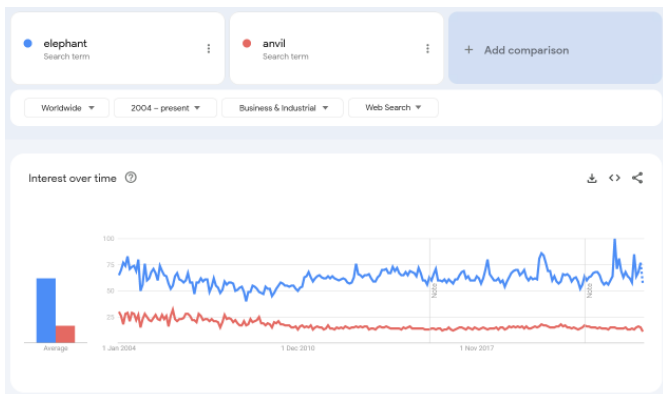
All categories (anvil)



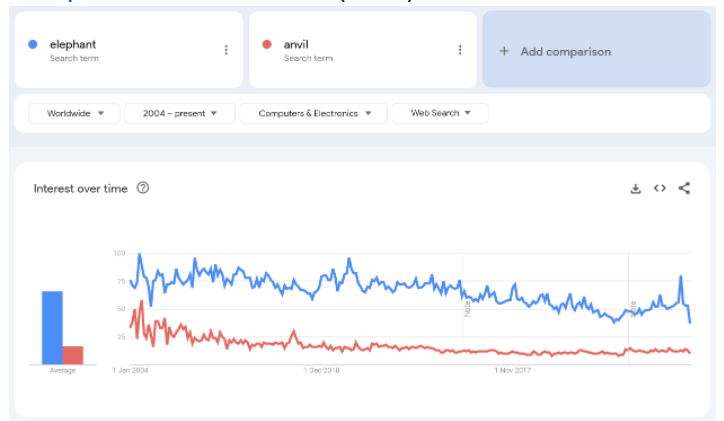
All categories (heavy)



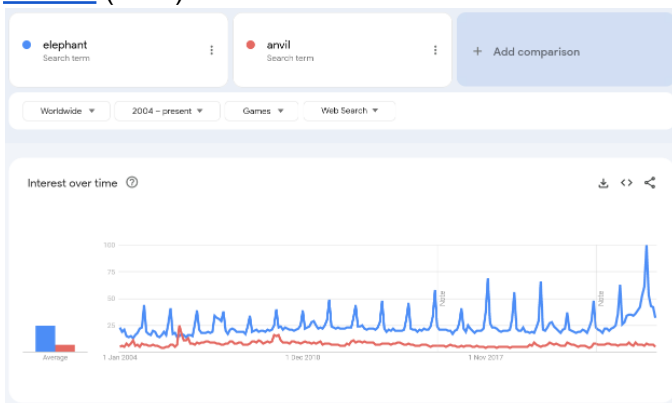
Business & Industrial (anvil)



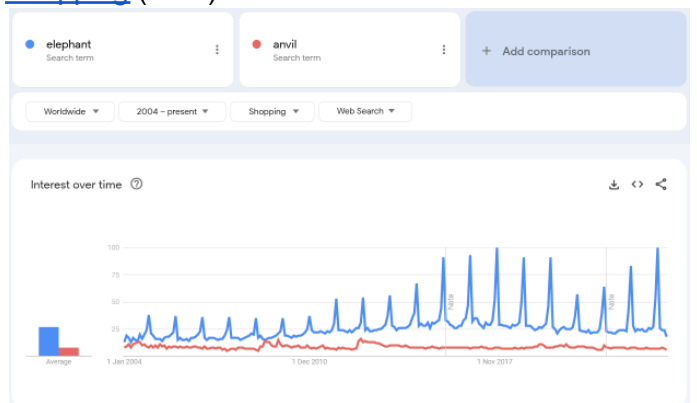
Computers & Electronics (anvil)



Games (anvil)

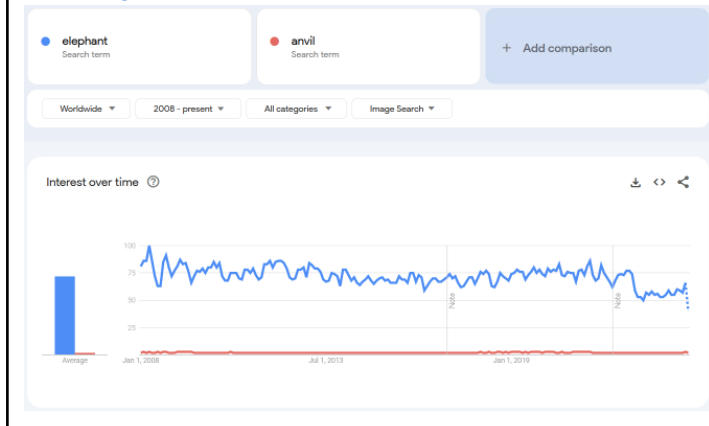


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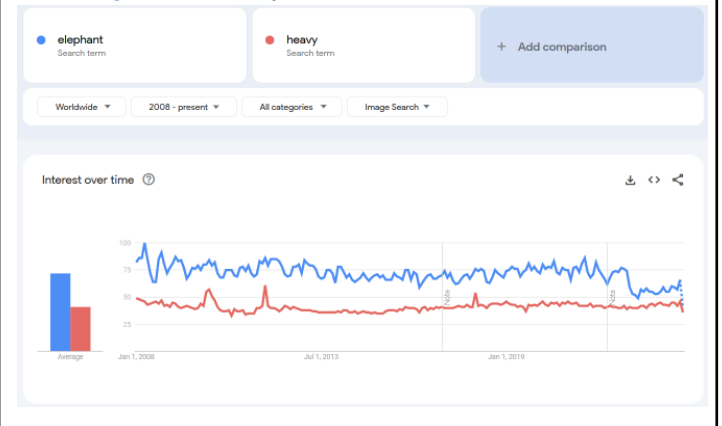


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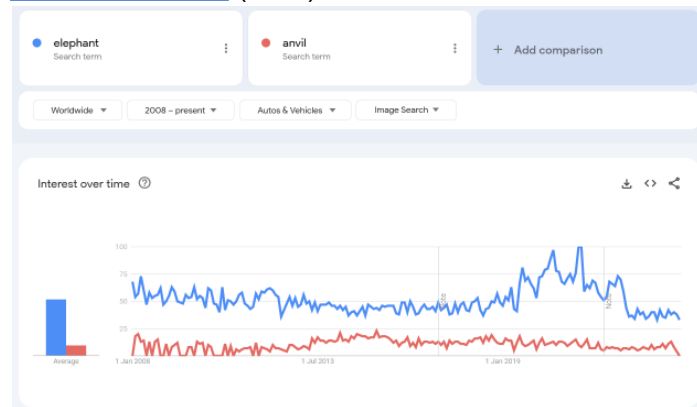
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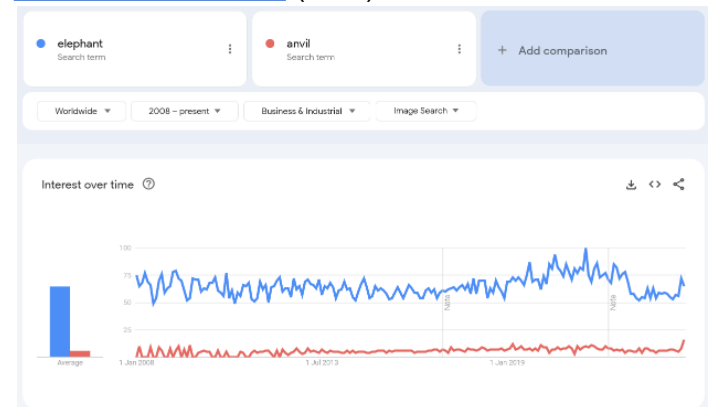
All categories (heavy)



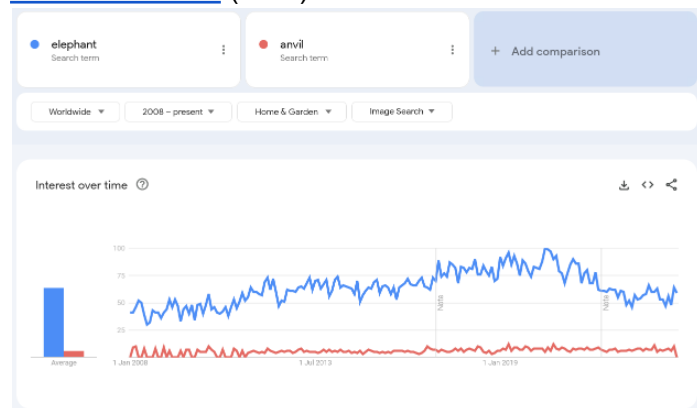
Autos & Vehicles (anvil)



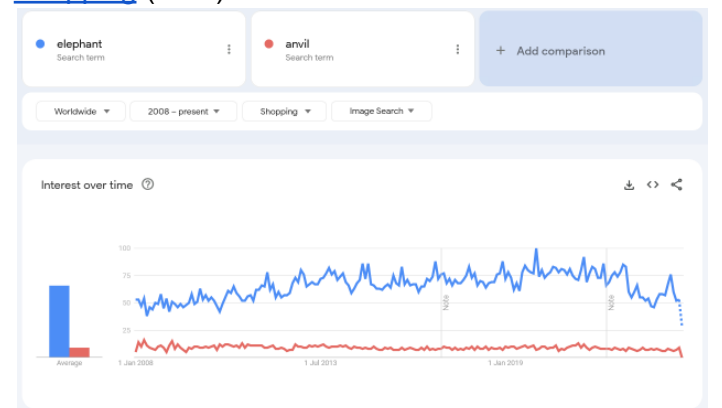
Business & Industrial (anvil)



Home & Garden (anvil)



Shopping (anvil)



4. Factors for Exclusion

a. Already represented: No

- i. Other heavy things are not specifically heavy, but an anvil is very associated with the idea of heavy. Other heavy things include:

1. whale 🐳 elephant 🐘 person lifting weights 🏋️ filing cabinet 🗄️

b. Overly specific: No

- i. Some tool emoji exist but there is nothing for blacksmithing, which is important in every culture. Existing tool emoji include:

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2. hammer and pick 🚧 pick 🪓 hammer and wrench 🛠️ toolbox 🧰 screwdriver 🔩
carpentry saw 🪚

c. Open-ended: No

- i. Anvils may look different to one another, but are overall a unique object.

d. Transient: No

- i. Anvils have existed for thousands of years in every culture involving metalworking.

e. Justified by an existing emoji: N/A

5. Other information: N/A