Allkin.
A Universal Symbol System for Peace.

User guide.

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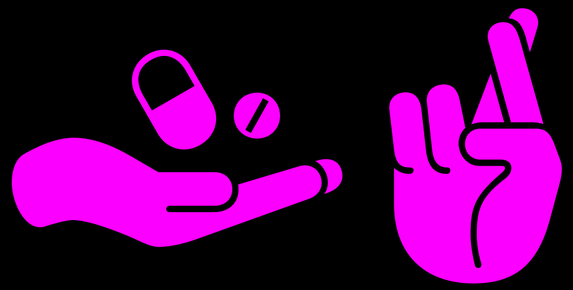
01. Introduction.

Overview.

Allkin is a free, open-source hand-based symbol language, available as artwork via The Noun Project and as a font via Google Fonts and Monotype Fonts. Allkin means all human connection.

The system contains 195 hand gestures — aligned to the 193 UN member states plus two observer states. Symbols are organised into categories: fundamental needs, social signs, emotional indicators, and conflict and peace advisories. Combined, they enable expressive, purpose-driven communication that informs and encourages peaceful resolution.

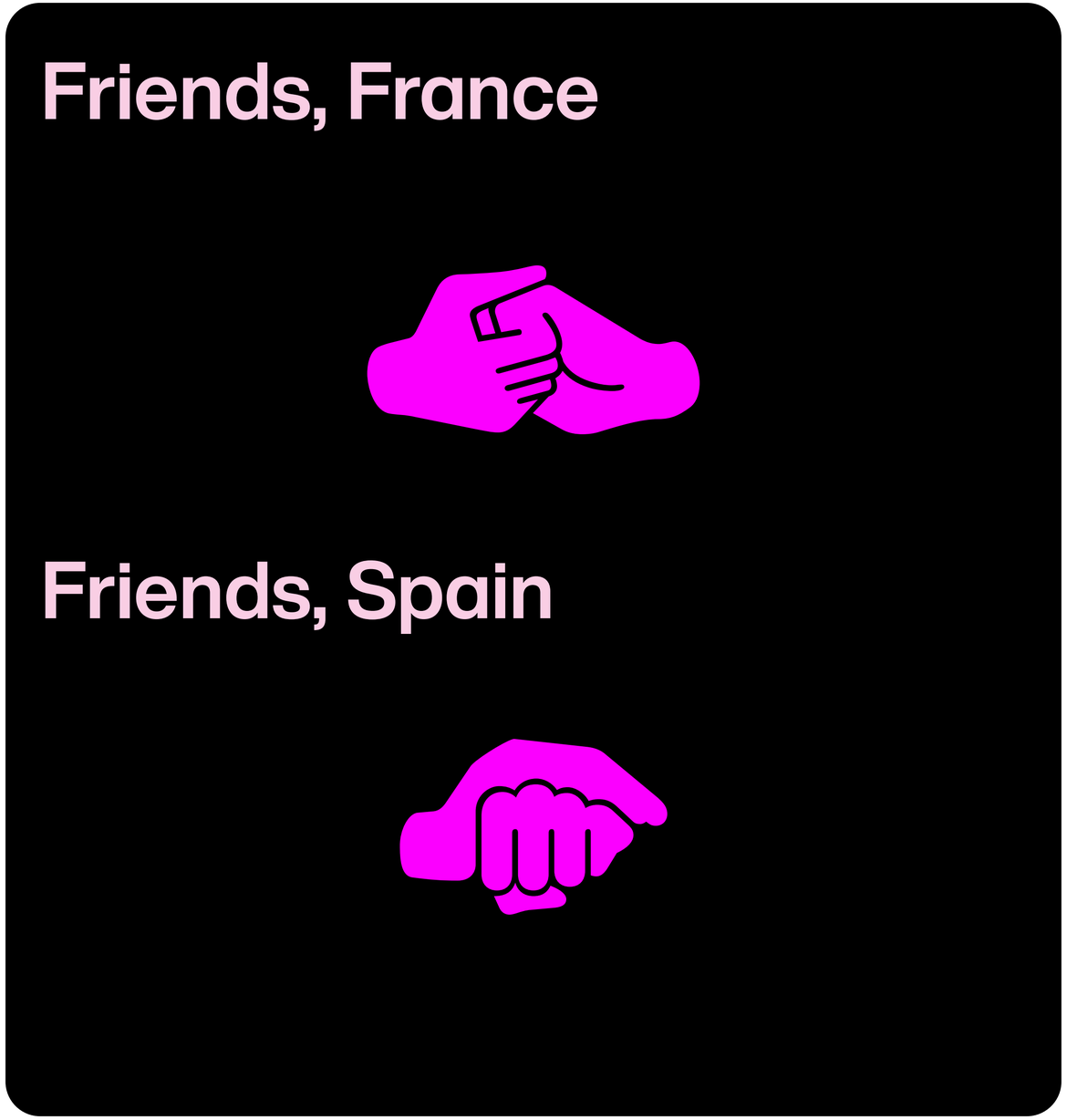
Medicine for a glimmer of hope.



01. Introduction.

Overview.

Creating a universal system is no small task — and yes, a risky one. A gesture in one culture may mean something else entirely in another. Allkin embraces these differences, offering multiple gestures for shared meanings. We ask you to use the tool respectfully — and to contribute. As an open-source project, Allkin invites collaboration and dialogue. Access the GitHub repository (link) and expand the design space. Cultivate the differences that make our world so rich, and our nations so unique.

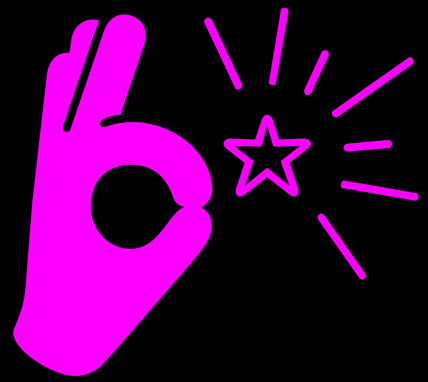


Sizing icons.

Icons are optimized for visual efficiency, employing minimal detail to ensure strong recognition and impact. For optimal legibility and emphasis, they should be displayed at a relatively large scale—ideally approximating the physical dimensions of a human hand.

Allkin is best for large sizes.

20 mm height.
Limit at which icon starts losing definition.



100 mm height.
Ideal average size for best results.

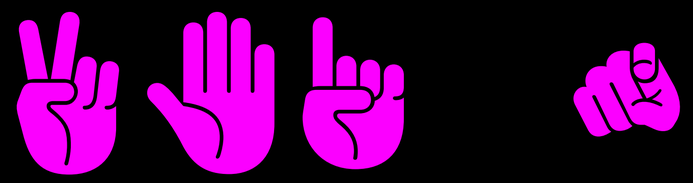
01. Introduction.

Key features.

Although certain hand gestures are uniquely illustrated to convey specific meanings, the icon set functions as a cohesive system, crafted with the same rigor as a typeface. Parameters such as finger thickness, white line gaps between fingers, and overall hand proportions have been meticulously standardized across all icons.

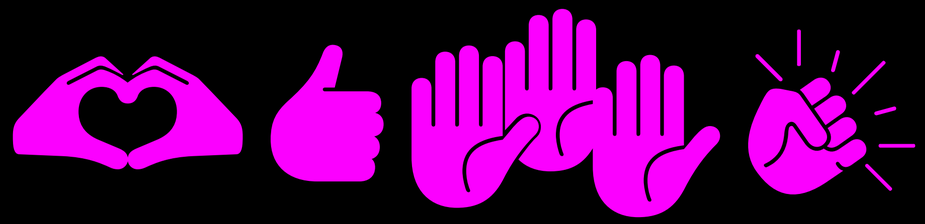
The design achieves a precise balance between geometric simplification and anthropomorphic fidelity. This human quality is preserved by maintaining proportions—fingers, palm, and gestures—close to real hands, avoiding caricature or excessive abstraction

A cohesive system that allows uniqueness.



Geometric structure.

Similar design spirit and proportions across icons.

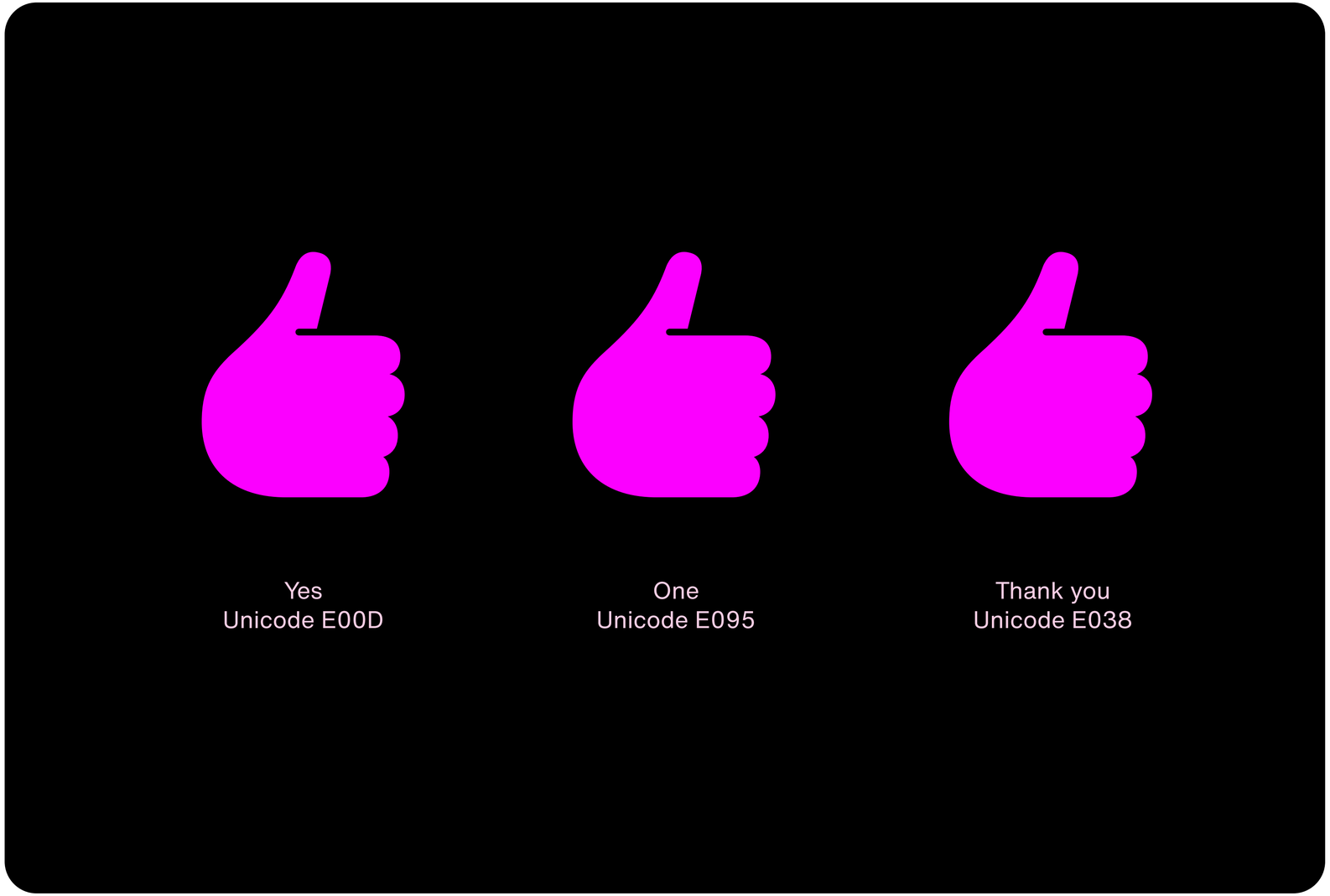


02. Usage.

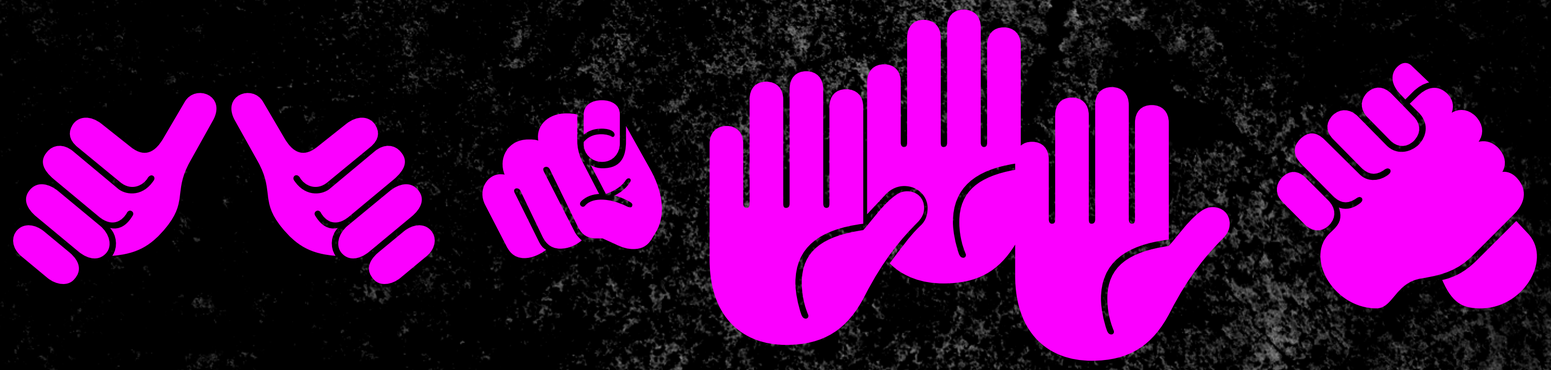
Expressing messages.

Each icon carries an individual semantic value while belonging to a defined category within the system. Certain icons are reused but convey different messages, reflecting the way hand gestures function in real-life communication. For example, the ‘Yes’, ‘Thank you’ and ‘One’ gestures share the same base form: a thumbs-up.

Additionally, icons can be combined to construct composite messages, such as those symbolizing peace, as shown in the following pages.



Me, you, us, together.



Medicine for a glimmer of hope.

Clean air, basic hygiene, and place to sleep—are not luxuries, but rights.

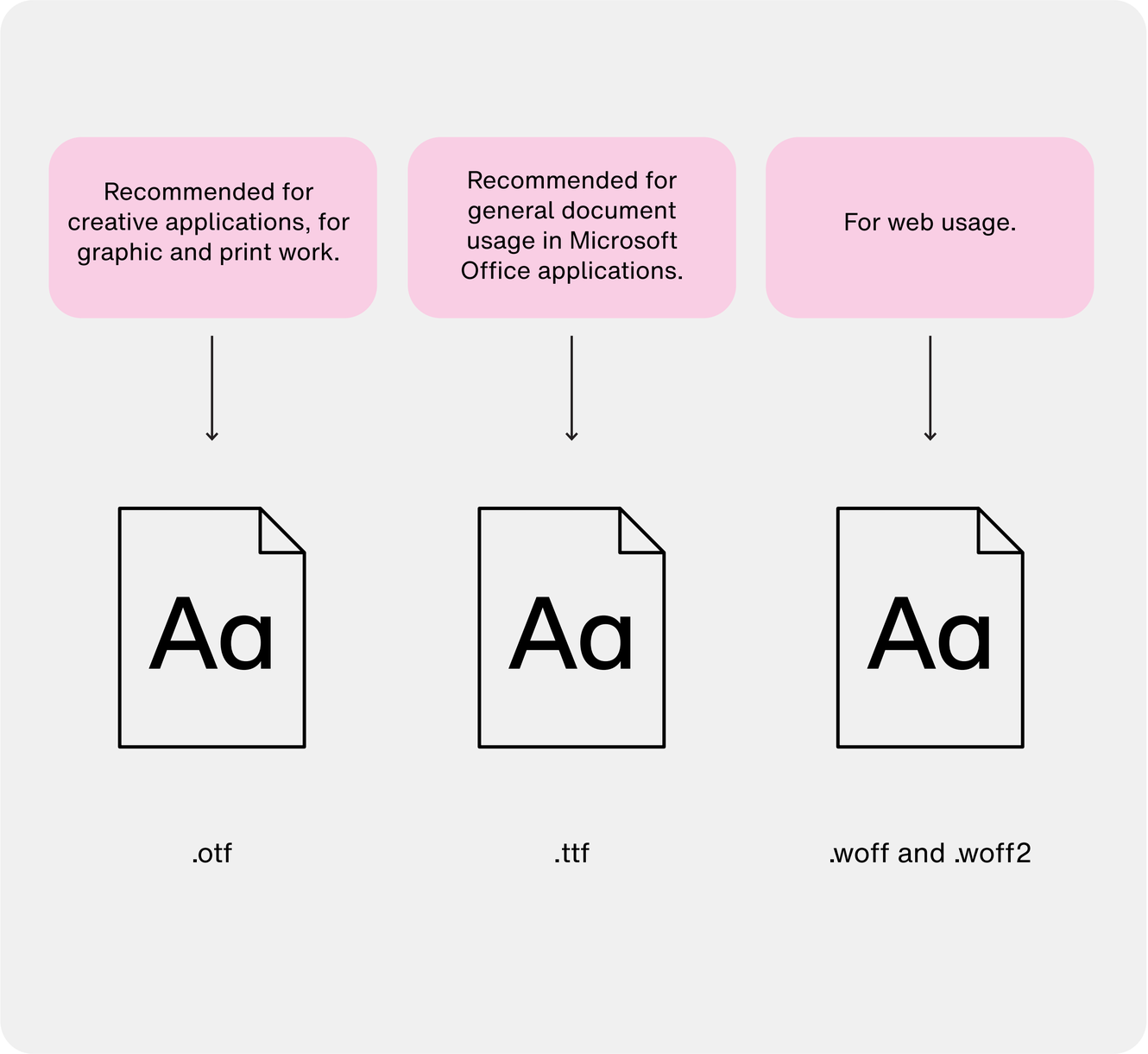
03. Technical specifications.

Fonts formats.

Monotype desktop fonts are delivered in OpenType format in either the CFF (Compact Font Format, recognized by the .otf filename extension) or the TTF (TrueType Font, recognized by the .ttf file name extension) flavors. Both flavors have the same naming, content, and features. However, you can only install one flavor onto your operating system at a time, not both. If you try to install both the system will ask you to replace one. So, you have to decide which fits best for you.

When deciding which format to download to your computer, keep the following information in mind:

- .otf - OTF fonts have PostScript outlines. PostScript was developed by Adobe, and thus, these fonts work best in Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, etc.
- .ttf - TTF fonts have TrueType outlines. These were developed by Microsoft, so TTFs work best in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, etc.



03. Technical specifications.

Download Icons.

Googel fonts:

Google Github project:

Noun Project Icon Page:

www.thenounproject.com/browse/collection-icon/allkin-289604/

Windows.

Install:

On Windows 7 and later, right-click on the font files and select “Install” or “Install for All Users” in the menu.

To activate a font on older versions of Windows, navigate to Local Disk (C:) › Windows › Fonts. Drag the font files into the Fonts folder.

Mac.

Install:

To activate a font, drag the font files into the Fonts folder located inside the located inside the Library folder:
/Library/Fonts. You can also use the shortcut Cmd+Shift+G

Or

You can use Font Book: double-click on the font, and a Font Book window should appear. Click “Install Fonts” to install the fonts.

04. Character Set.

Basic needs list.

Drink E000	Eat E001	Sleep E002	Medicine E003	Healthcare E004	Hygiene E005
Air E006	Shelter E007	Safe E008	Warmth E009	Help E00A	Power E00B
Yes E00D	No E00E	Please E00F	Ok E010		

04. Character Set.

Social list.

Agree_China E011	Alone E012	Bye_Asia E013	Bye_India E014	Bye_Western E015	Cannot hear E016
Celebrate E017	Come_Western E018	Come_Japan E019	Connection E01A	Empowerment E01B	Enemy E01C
Exchange E01D	Faster E01E	Friend_Uk_Us E01F	Friend_France E020	Friend_Spain E021	Happy E022
Hello E023	Leave E024	Listen E025	Look E026	Me E027	Move E028
Pause E029	Payment E02A	Payment_Japan E02B	Phone E02C	Promise E02D	Protection E02E

04. Character Set.

Social list.

Quiet E02F	Respect_Asia E030	Slower E031	Solidarity E032	Sorry E033	Speak E034
SpeakDown E035	SpeakUp E036	Support E037	ThankYou_Western E038	ThankYou_Asia E039	Together E03A
Us E03B	Victory E03C	Wait E03D	Welcome_India E03E	Welcome_Western E03F	What E040
What_Italy E041	When E042	Where E043	Win E044	Work E045	Write E046
You E047	You_Rock E048				

04. Character Set.

Emotion list.

Aggressiveness E049	Altruism E04A	Anticipation E04B	Anxious E04C	Boredom E04D	Calm E04E
Cold E04F	Confidence E050	Confusion E051	Contempt E052	Curious E053	Disapproval E054
Disgust E055	Distrust E056	Fear E057	Flourishing E058	Forgiveness E059	Gratitude E05A
Grief E05B	Guilt E05C	Heart01_Western E05D	Heart02_Korea E05E	Hope E05F	Hug E060

04. Character Set.

Emotion list.

Hurt E061	Joy E062	Liberation E063	Love E064	Luck E065	Luck_Germany E066
Optimism E067	Pain E068	Purity E069	Relief E06A	Serenity E06B	Shock E06C
Shyness E06D	Stress E06E	Surprise E06F	Trust E070	Uncertainty E071	Upset E072

04. Character Set.

Conflict list.

Attack E073	Break E074	Build E075	Captured E076	Crouch E077	Death_Western E078
Death_Italy E079	Evacuate E07A	Explosion E07B	Fight E07C	Freeze E07D	Getout E07E
Hurry E07F	Protect E080	Protest E081	Regroup E082	Retaliate E083	Surrender E084
Tool E085	Transport_Air E086	Transport_Ground E087	Vehicle E088	Walk_Run E089	Weapon E08A
Withdraw E08B					

04. Character Set.

Peace list.

Agreement E08C	Applause E08D	Perfect E08E	Perfect_Italy E09F	Chill E090	Clarifying E091
Direct Response E092	Disagreement E093	Feeling Better E094	Feeling Understood E095	Hard Block E096	Have a question E097
Oppose E098	Play E099	Point of Process E09A	Precision E09B	Silence E09C	Veto E09D
Want to Add E09E	Want to Talk E09F				

04. Character Set.

Description list.

One_Europe E0A0	One_Us_China E0A1	One_Japan E0A2	Two_Europe E0A3	Two_Us_China E0A4	Two_Japan E0A5
Three_Europe E0A6	Three_Us_China E0A7	Three_Japan E0A8	Four_Europe E0A9	Four_Us_China E0AA	Four_Japan E0AB
Five_Europe E0AC	Five_Us_China E0AD	Five_Japan E0AE	Zero E0AF	Adult E0B0	A bit E0B1
Again E0B2	Child E0B3	Less E0B4	Container E0B5	Converge E0B6	Down E0B7

04. Character Set.

Description list.

Far E0B8	Here E0B9	Left E0BA	Meeting_Point E0BB	More E0BC	Near E0BD
Picture E0BE	Right E0BF	Stop E0C0	Straight E0C1	Turn Around E0C2	Up E0C3

04. Character Set.

Symbol E0C4.

This symbol is a stand against conflict. A signal to the world: I will not engage in violence. Wear it. Share it. Post it. Whatever the situation, it declares: I stand for peace and resolution through collaboration.

Let’s collaborate!

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