





Giong Emoji

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I. Identification

Sample Image	Proposed Unicode and CLDR name	Possible CLDR English keywords	Closest Unicode Emoji
	Giong	warrior, horse, flame, fire, spear, legend, hero, Vietnam, charge, brave	

II. Images

Color:



Black & White version:



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III. Sort Location

- a. People & Body – after mage

After 🧙 Mage, 🧝 Elf, 🧞 Genie, or near 🏇 Horse Racing

IV. Selection Factors — Inclusion

- a. Compatibility — N/A as this emoji is not proposed for compatibility with non-Unicode emoji on existing systems.

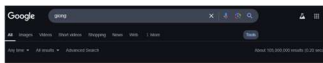

The proposed Giong emoji is not currently represented as a standardized emoji in any major platforms (such as Apple, Google, Facebook, WhatsApp, or Twitter/X). However, culturally inspired stickers, GIFs, and illustrations of Thánh Giong are commonly used in Vietnamese messaging apps like Zalo, and appear in social media posts, festival content, and children’s educational materials. Therefore, this emoji does not duplicate an existing proprietary emoji, but its adoption would enhance compatibility with widely used non-Unicode-based images and iconography that are already popular in Vietnamese digital culture and communications.

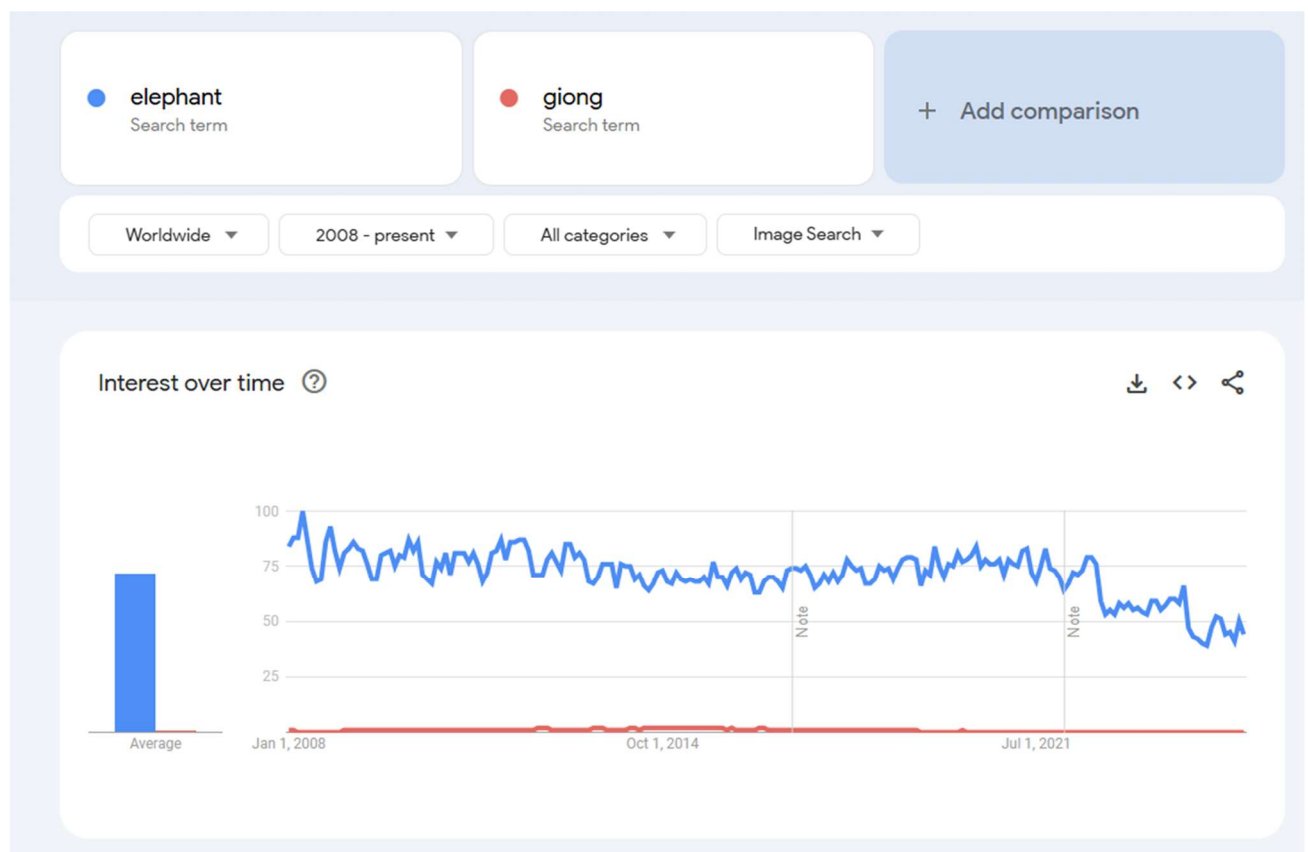
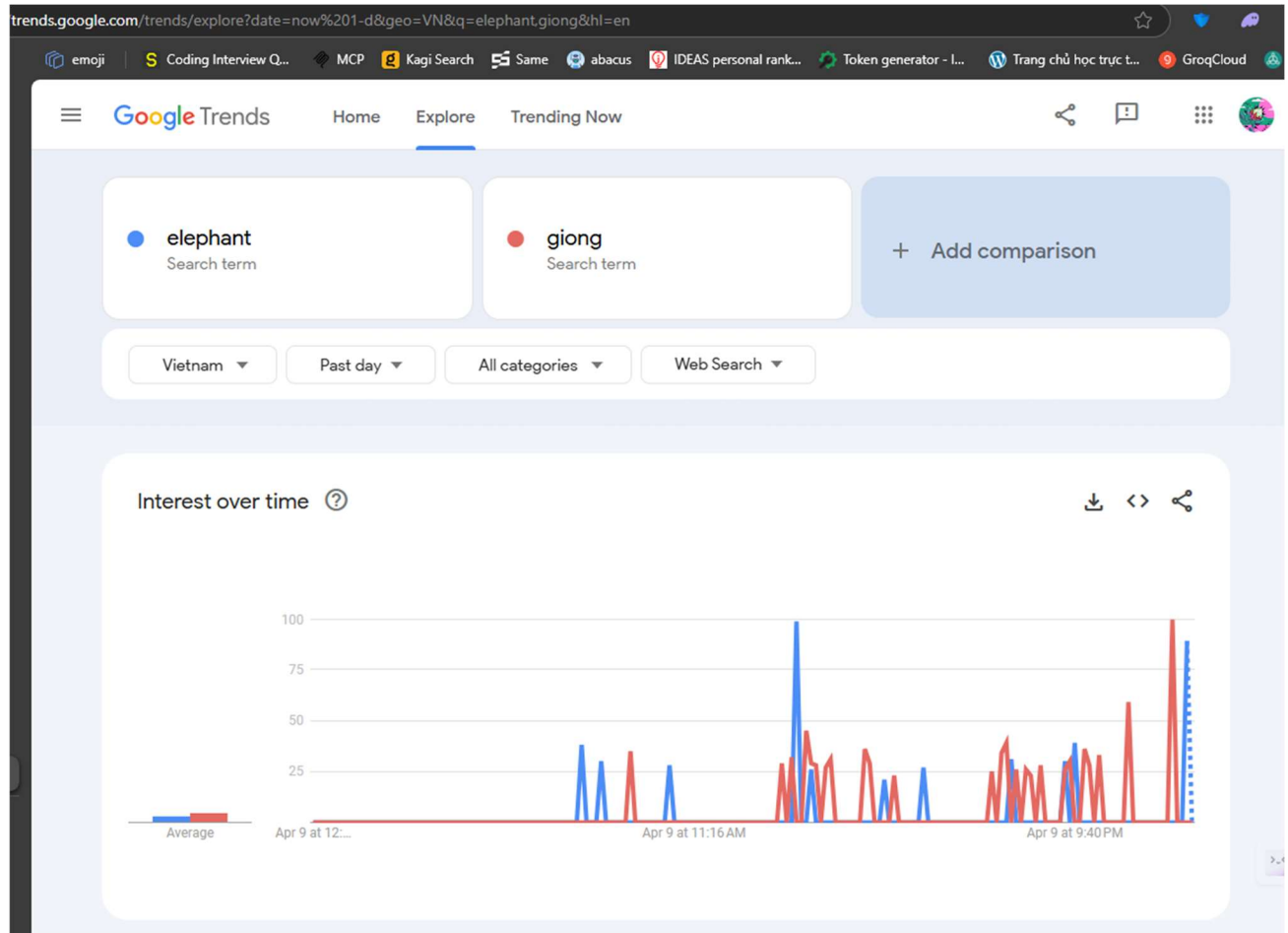
Expected Use

- i. Frequency — Usage is expected to be high:

Giong

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Absolutely! Here's how to write the "ii. Multiple Usages", "iii. Breaking New Ground", "c. Image Distinctiveness", and "d. Completeness" sections for your **Giong emoji proposal**, following the structure and tone of the Splash emoji submission you referenced:

ii. Multiple Usages

The proposed Giong emoji, depicting a **warrior on horseback charging through fire**, can represent a wide array of cultural, historical, and emotional concepts:

- **Emblematic of heroism and mythic action.** The image symbolizes bravery, triumph over adversity, and legendary deeds. The Giong emoji is rooted in the Vietnamese epic of **Thánh Giong**, a national hero who rode an iron horse through flames to repel invaders — an image deeply embedded in Vietnam's cultural consciousness.
 - Historical bravery
 - National pride
 - Resistance against oppression
 - Victory through transformation (from child to warrior)
- **Represents broader themes found in mythology and fantasy genres worldwide:**
 - **Fantasy warrior archetypes** (e.g., heroic charge, warrior in battle, mounted heroes in video games)
 - **Mythical journeys** or legendary quests
 - **Fiery determination** (literally charging through fire)
- **Symbolic of emotional or motivational contexts:**
 - "I'm going full force into this project!"
 - "Burning with determination."
 - "Fight through the fire" (challenge, stress, or difficulty)
 - "Legend in the making" or "heroic effort"
- **Representative of Vietnamese cultural traditions:**
 - Used to express excitement during **Hội Giong** (a UNESCO-recognized traditional festival in Vietnam)
 - Celebration of **national holidays**, children's books, or educational content featuring legends

Use in Sequences

- VN + [Giong] = National hero of Vietnam
- [Giong] + 🔥 + 🐎 = Epic battle or fearless charge
- [Giong] + 🏹 + 🛡️ = Mythical/fantasy warrior set
- 🐘 + [Giong] = Speed and strength
- 🔥 + [Giong] = Facing tough situations bravely
- 🧒 + [Giong] = Growth from child to hero

iii. Breaking New Ground

The Giong emoji fills a unique gap in the emoji keyboard. It introduces:

- A **culturally specific yet globally resonant figure**: While based on Thánh Giong, the image evokes a **universal mythic archetype** — the fearless hero on horseback facing flames — a theme present in many cultures and stories.
- **Non-Western representation in the "fantasy/person" category**: This would be one of the first Unicode emojis to reflect **Southeast Asian folklore**.
- A dynamic and emotionally expressive image not present in current emoji sets — distinct from 🏇 (Horse Racing) or 🧝 (Elf), which lack action, symbolism, and mythic fire.

c. Image Distinctiveness

The proposed Giong emoji features a **visually powerful and iconic silhouette**: a warrior riding a horse, brandishing a spear, with flames surrounding or trailing behind. The dynamic pose, presence of fire, and strong profile of both rider and horse ensure:

- High recognizability at small sizes (especially with simplified contours)
- Clear distinction from other person/horse-related emojis
- Emotional clarity — easily readable as intense, mythic, and heroic

d. Completeness

The emoji keyboard currently lacks:

- A warrior-in-action emoji
- Non-Western mythical heroes
- Representation of fire-charged mythic acts or national symbols of bravery

The Giong emoji complements existing categories like:

- 🧝 Elf (mythic/fantasy)
- 🧙 Wizard
- 🧚 Fairy
- 🧞 Genie

...by **bringing cultural and action-based diversity** to fantasy/person-based emojis.

It also fills the gap between:

- 🏍️ / 🏇 — active human motion
 - 🔥 — flame/emotion/action symbolism
- ...creating a more complete set for expressing narrative action, folklore, and emotional determination.

Great! Here's a strong draft for the “**V. Selection Factors — Exclusion**” section of your **Giong emoji** submission, following the same style and reasoning as the Splash emoji example:

V. Selection Factors — Exclusion

a. Overly specific

The Giong emoji represents **multiple concepts**, both specific and symbolic. While inspired by the Vietnamese legend of **Thánh Giong**, the visual of a **warrior on horseback charging through fire** resonates far beyond its cultural origin. It can symbolize:

- Mythical heroism
- Epic action
- Facing challenges head-on
- National identity
- Storytelling and folklore

Thus, it is **not overly specific**, and can serve both cultural and metaphorical purposes across contexts and regions.

b. Open-ended

The Giong emoji **does not open the floodgates** for similar requests. While it reflects a cultural icon, it is **a singularly unique image**, combining dynamic action (horse + fire + rider) and a powerful archetype (mythic hero).

This **does not imply that other national or legendary heroes would be encoded**, especially those lacking this kind of layered usability, visual uniqueness, and global thematic overlap.

c. Already representable

While emojis like:

- 🐎 Horse Racing
- 🔥 Fire
- 🧝 Elf
- 🧙 Wizard

exist, **none of them can represent the combined symbolism** of the Giong emoji:

- A mounted warrior in motion
- Mythic fire-bound determination
- Cultural heroism tied to specific traditions (e.g., Hội Giong)

There is **no current emoji** that visually or symbolically represents the concept of **a hero riding through fire**.

d. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

The Giong emoji:

- Is **not a logo** or brand
- Does not reference **any real person** or deity
- Is **not religious** in nature
- Is **based on a cultural legend**, not an icon or copyrighted image

It qualifies as a **public domain cultural symbol**, represented abstractly and respectfully, in

line with other mythic/fantasy emoji (e.g., 🧙, 🧚, 🧛).

e. Transient

The concept of Giong is **not a fad or trend** — it has been part of Vietnamese oral and artistic tradition for **over a thousand years**.

- It is celebrated annually through the **UNESCO-recognized Hội Giong Festival**
 - It appears in children's books, monuments, school curricula, and public murals
- This is a **permanent cultural symbol**, comparable to how dragons, fairies, or wizards represent long-standing mythologies globally.
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f. Faulty comparison

This emoji is **not justified merely by comparison** to existing emojis.

Its rationale stands alone:

- **Visual uniqueness**
 - **Symbolic depth**
 - **Cultural representation**
 - **Global thematic usability**
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g. Exact images

This emoji is **not requesting the depiction of any copyrighted or specific artwork**.

The image will be a **stylized, generalized silhouette or icon** of a warrior on horseback through fire — suitable for emoji formats and artistic interpretation across platforms.
