

二、英文作文 【請用黑色墨水的筆作答】

If you are a frequent user of the Internet, coming across emojis is definitely not a strange experience to you. Ever since its invention, emojis have gotten increasingly popular among Netizens as a convenient, quick, and direct way to convey emotions in text messages and comments on social media. As an example of the fast and easy communication of expressions, when one sees a smiling emoji after a sentence, one may breath a sigh of relief as the emoji meant that the sender of the text is approaching in a friendly and lighthearted way, similar to seeing a warm smile in real life. On the contrary, if one sees a lot of angry emoji reactions under one's post, one may immediately know that the post had provoked outrage.

However convenient emojis may be, the simplicity in its nature brews misinterpretations of its meaning, and can therefore lead to misunderstandings. One time, when I was browsing social media, I saw one of my family members arguing with a stranger online. Apparently, the conflict stemmed from the family member using an emoji of two hands touching each other to reply to a post about a tragic event. My family member insisted that she meant no ill will, and the emoji was supposed to convey praying as a response to the tragedy. The stranger, however, firmly believed that the emoji represented an inappropriate high-five, as if to celebrate the misfortune. As a long-time dweller of the digital web, this problem could be resolved by

the offending party, accidental or not, taking a step back and apologize first. Then, one must edit the message with the controversial emoji to a more eloquent and precise one, to clear up what one really intended to say. Preferably as the extra and final step to dealing with the conflict, provide an explanation to what happened that caused the initial reaction either in the edited message or the apology, so one does not paint the offended in a bad light by making them seem angered over nothing. When using emojis, one must keep in mind that not everyone's perception of the emojis' meanings is the same, so that when misunderstandings occur, both sides of the argument can remain civil and sympathetic to one another.