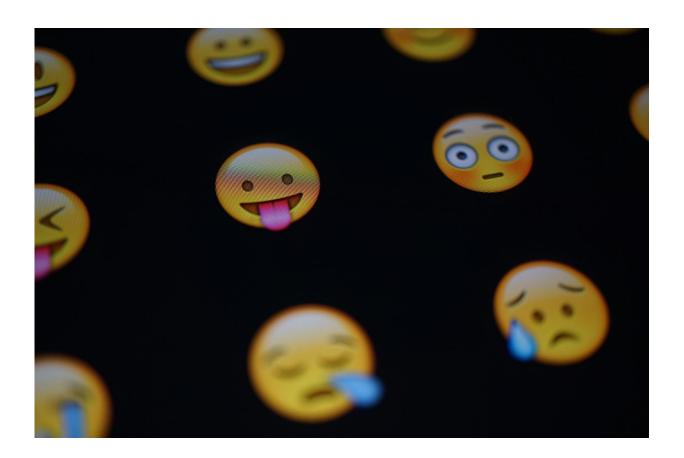


Which new emojis are coming?

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Let's face it, when it comes to holidays, some days are more important than others.

We all know the big ones: Christmas. Thanksgiving. Independence Day. Super Bowl Sunday. Taco Tuesday.



But come on, none of those compare in importance to what was marked with furious tapping on mobile phone keypads everywhere from offices to day camps to, who knows? Maybe even the White House?

Yes, we celebrated World Emoji Day on Tuesday, July 17. And yes, there is such a thing.

Apple got the jump on this momentous day when, it showed off 70 new emojis that you will soon be able to use in decorating your iPhone messages. Apple said the new emojis will be available later this year in a free software update for all of its products.

Among the emojis you will soon be able to use are:

A lobster. No word on whether it comes with an emoji for drawn butter.

Lettuce. Because you probably ignore that salad when you're digging into your lobster, anyway.

Bald heads, red heads and gray heads. We'll just assume they all love lobster, too.

The Unicode Consortium, a nonprofit group that manages the world's emoji standards (yes, there really is an organization for emoji standards) announced plans for new emojis in February. Of course, this was before Donald Trump Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle went crazy on social media posting about their new romance. Maybe the Unicode Consortium, Apple and anyone else in the emoji game can offer the option of a couples emoji to look like Junior Trump and Guilfoyle gushing with love in front of the Louvre museum in Paris?

There are many more emojis coming out for you to express your sentiments and liven up your messages. If you can't wait for the new



emojis to arrive, just go to your phone's keypad now. There's probably a cheeseburger, basketball or an image of flames that could sum up your feelings just fine when old-fashioned words and the alphabet just won't do.

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