

Communication codes have been oscillating

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Vyvyan Evans claims that the Emoji codes (icons) better allow us to signal our attitudes and emotions (1). Emoji codes was invented by Japanese. Japanese had imported the old Chinese characters from China. The old Chinese characters are originally derived from pictures of the objects they denote which is similar to Emoji. The imported old Chinese characters had been simplified into text characters including Hiragana and Katakana. The current Japanese sentences mix the Chinese characters with Hiragana and Katakana codes in books. The first Emoji was used in Pagers in Japan for signaling our emotions. The first Emoji, baseball ball icon, was invented in 1959 (2).

Then, the Emoji was embedded in the mobile phones. Communication codes have been oscillating from pictures of objects (Chinese characters) to simplified text codes, and from the text codes to mixed Emoji in digital short messages.

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