

Unit 2.1

LISTEN

E  **1.12**  **1.8** **LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEAS** Read the statements. Then listen to the podcast. Check [✓] the two sentences that express the contrasting points of view that the podcast host wants her listeners to consider.

1. _____ Emoji and emoticons are less direct than written words.
2. _____ Emoji and emoticons help people to communicate better.
3. _____ Emoji and emoticons express universal human feelings.
4. _____ Emoji and emoticons are harming written language.

G  **1.12** **LISTEN FOR DETAILS** Read the questions below. Then listen to the podcast again and put the questions in the order the podcast host answers them. Write 1 next to the first question she answers, 2 next to the second, and so on. The first one has been done for you.

- a. _____ Why do some people criticize the use of emoticons and emoji?
- b. 1 _____ What are emoticons?
- c. _____ Why have emoji and emoticons spread all over the world?
- d. _____ How do emoji and emoticons make written communication more like speaking?
- e. _____ Why do some people support the use of emoticons and emoji?
- f. _____ What are emoji and how were they invented?

H  **1.13** Listen to the segments of the podcast. Pay close attention to the explanations of the words and terms. Then answer the questions.

Segment 1

1. What are emoticons? _____
2. What are emoticons made from? _____
3. What is a compound word? _____
4. What is one example of a compound word? _____
5. What does the *e-* in *emoji* mean? _____
6. What does *moji* mean? _____

Segment 2

7. The podcast host compares emoji and emoticons to "pictures scratched on rocks." What else does she compare them to? _____

Segment 3

8. What does the podcast host say that a reduction in formal speech is similar to?

9. What is one example? _____

- I**  **1.14** Listen to the segment from the podcast and take notes under the questions. Write only enough information to answer the questions.

1. Why do some people criticize the use of emoticons and emoji?

2. Why do some people support the use of emoticons and emoji?
