

5 Check your answers by answering the questions about each missing word.

- 1 Is it an adjective, an adverb, a noun or a verb?
- 2 Should it be singular or plural?
- 3 Does it need a negative prefix?
- 4 If it is a verb, is it past or present?

Should people over 30 ever use emojis?

When using emojis, the over-30s seem to have a weird (0) *attachment* to the idea of communicating something specific. My parents' use of emojis is (1) because it's so literal. They haven't realised that the humour of emojis lies in selecting ones which are (2) or random, and not literally translating words into pictures. Using emojis literally can also lead to (3) because it's almost impossible to be subtle.

The over-30s' attempts to use emojis are also always a little too (4) and obvious. What they fail to comprehend is that emojis should always be used slightly (5) People over 30 never quite get this right because the effort involved is so painfully evident to the reader. My generation understands instinctively that you never give the (6) that you have spent actual time browsing for something (7) and relevant, or that you have given it any thought at all. An (8) emoji is one that seems casual and spontaneous.

- ATTACH
- EMBARRASS
- EXPECT
- UNDERSTAND
- ENTHUSIASM
- IRONY
- IMPRESS
- MEANING
- EFFECT

