



Apple Core Emoji

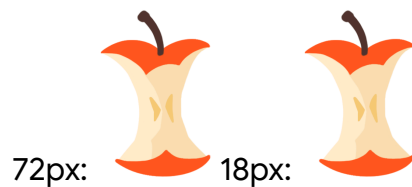
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I. Identification

Sample Image	Proposed Unicode and CLDR name	Possible CLDR English keywords	Closest Unicode Emoji
	APPLE CORE	Apple, ate, wisdom, sin, knowledge, compost, core	

II. Images



III. Sort location



IV. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility

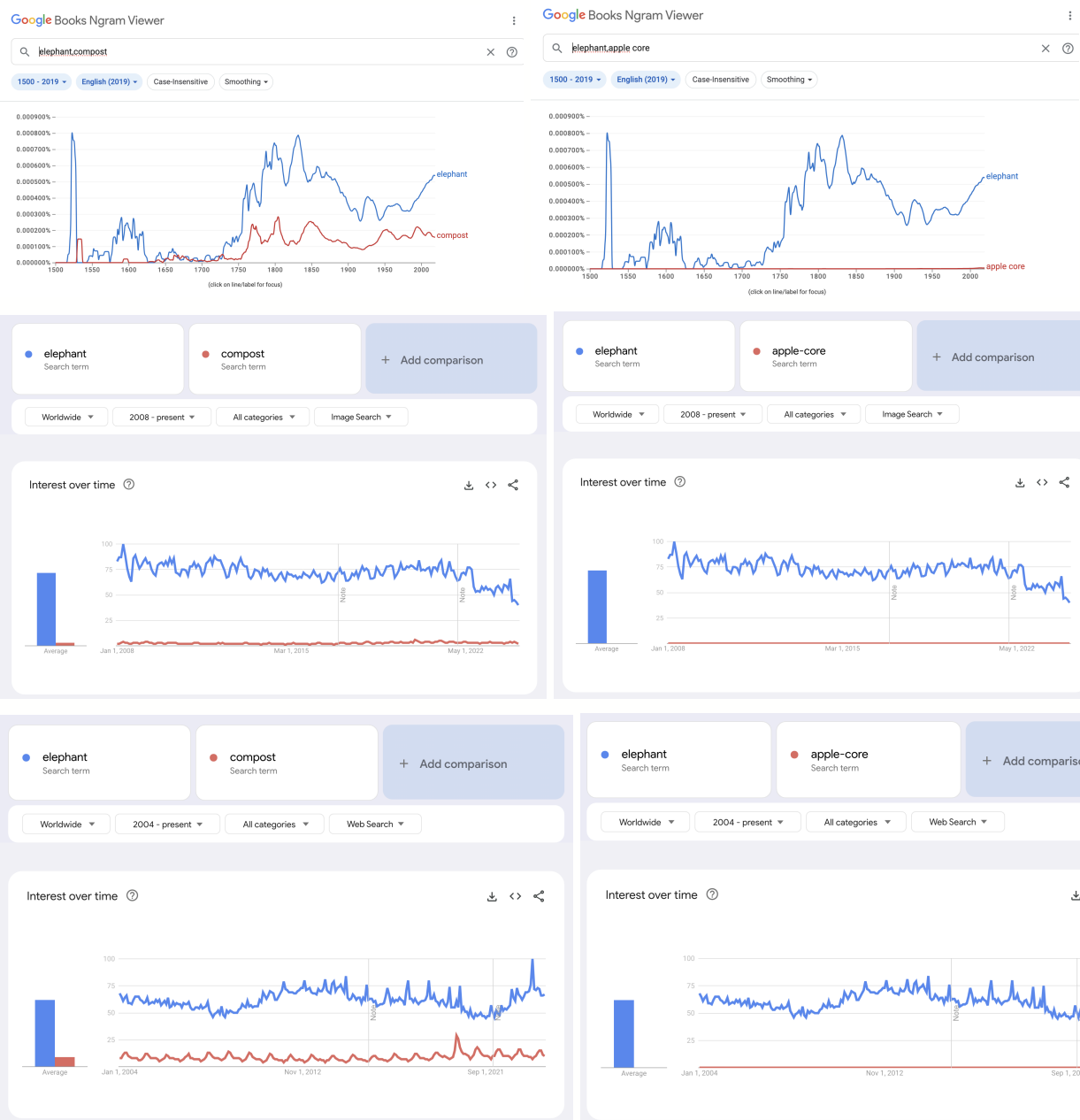
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B. Expected use

1. Frequency

Apple-core performs above median when compared to elephant (523,000,000) indicating it has potential to be an emoji with high engagement.

Search term	Google Search	Google Video Search	Google Books
apple-core	755,000,000	20,400,000	1,350,000
compost	303,000,000	20,300,000	6,980,000



2. Multiple usages

Of course there is the literal representation of a devoured apple and the many many puns associated with “core”; however, there is more to an apple (core) than meets the eye.

Apple cores hold a position of symbolism for millilia — in the Old Testament, the apple core is symbolic of knowledge, temptation, the fall of man and sin¹. In Judaism Apples symbolize sweetness (and is eaten as part of the Rosh Hashanah tradition). In the story of Snow White (1812) the apple is advertised as magical and makes wishes come true but upon consumption is poisonous. In contemporary contexts apple cores are a common symbol for “compost” — a meaningfully different type of waste from your usual “trash”. See *Transient*

¹ <https://biblehub.com/topical/a/apple.htm>

3. Use in sequences

Somewhat contrived, nevertheless, an apple core can be used alongside other smiley emoji, food emoji, and symbol emoji to emphasize a point.



Slang

She ate  

Instructional

Food Waste Only  



Compost

The gardener knows how to turn garbage into compost   

Ancient Scripture ;-)



First sin:    ,  

Core

Rotten to the core  

Literal representation

Nomnom  

Before/ after:  

4. Breaking new ground

The Unicode Technical Committee has done a reasonable job encoding ancient food: tamales, pancakes, chocolate, beer, wine, popcorn, bread, etc. Archaeological evidence suggests that humans began cultivating apples 4,000–10,000 years ago. Early Paleolithic food gatherers in modern-day Kazakhstan discovered wild crab apples in the forest around 750,000 years ago.² We've been eating apples for a long time which explains why there is not one but two apple emoji in our keyboards. Which begs the question: do we really need a third permutation?

One might think that a whole apple is sufficient at conveying the range of expression that an apple core represents; but, if you replace the apple core emoji with a full apple emoji in the examples listed in *Section 3. Use in Sequences* the meaning of the sentences changes entirely.

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A modest snack time becomes an apple feeding frenzy: 🍏🍏

“She ate” becomes horny for apple 🍷🍏

“Food Waste Only” illustres throwing away perfectly good food 🍏🗑️

The first sin is frozen, representing resisting temptation rather than giving into it: 😊🍏

Other emoji that convey eating include: 😊 and 🍴. These are both useful symbols that communicate eating ... BEFORE you eat. An apple core is the end to the story —

- I am hungry, that looks delicious 😊
- I am ready to eat that food 🍴
- I have eaten the apples that were in the fridge, they were delicious 🍏🍏
- I ate too much!!! 🙄

Other emoji that convey compost include: 🗑️🌱. One could use the existing food emoji (non eaten) to indicate “food waste” (ex. 🍏🗑️🌱 but this is not commonly how it is depicted in media and signage.

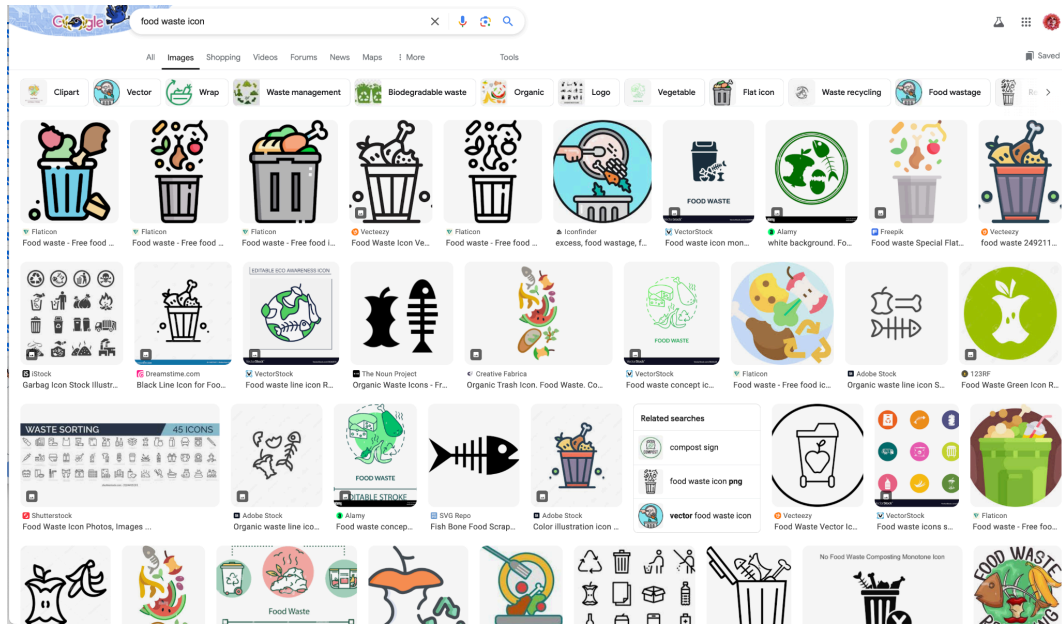
C. Image distinctiveness

Apple cores are astonishingly iconic given that they are a “degraded” version of itself. No other food has been represented as “eaten” in art, literature, and media more than the Apple and as a result it is easily recognizable. Even at small emoji sizes there is no

question about what we are looking at: 🍏

D. Completeness

When exploring common representations for food waste two images are commonly returned: An apple core and fish bones. When weighing the merits of both, an apple core has substantially more symbolism and multiple meanings when compared to a fish skeleton. It also is more visually distinct (white delicate bones are hard to read at emoji sizes and in “lightmode”).



Emoji for “dirt” or “grass” have been proposed in the past but lack the visual distinctiveness that an apple has, making it the most promising “food waste” and “compost” emoji candidate.

VI. Selection factors — Exclusion

F. Overly specific

No. An apple core represents the idea of all food waste — not just specifically apples.

G. Open-ended

While we have many types of food in our keyboards there is no reason to believe the addition of an apple-core will result in a demand for “companion eaten equivalents” as (for example) a half-eaten plate of curry, a half eaten drumstick, or a half eaten cookie. These other examples lack the historical symbolism, multiple uses, and distinctiveness that an apple core represents.

While sometimes an apple core is paired alongside other half-eaten food in food-waste signage (Ex: Banana peels or fishbones) as previously mentioned an Apple core has significantly more symbolism, historical relevance, and distinctiveness. It is the best candidate to visually represent its intended range of functionality (*See: Multiple Uses*).

H. Already representable

See *Breaking New Ground*

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

J. Transient

As previously mentioned, we’ve been writing stories about eaten apples for thousands of years.

K. Faulty comparison

Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

L. Exact Images

An exact image is not required.