

Comments on Recently Approved Emoji Candidate Names

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This document serves to bring perceived flaws in the formal identifiers of several recently approved emoji to the UTC's attention. Possible new names for the affected characters are provided for review as well.

Characters for Consideration

U+1F975 RED FACE WITH TONGUE STICKING OUT WITH BEAD OF SWEAT

Source: [L2/17-244R](#)

The second 'with' should be 'and' instead to be consistent with other character names describing two or more accessories. In fact, the current syntax rather suggests that the *tongue* somehow has a bead of sweat rather than the face as a whole.

Proposed name: RED FACE WITH TONGUE STICKING OUT AND BEAD OF SWEAT

U+1F97A FACE WITH GLISTENING EYES

Source: [L2/17-244R](#)

The character's name only describes the eyes, which is not enough to accurately narrow down its display to the desired emotion in this case. Samsung's FACE WITH ROLLING EYES for instance famously fails to convey the intended meaning of sarcasm or being fed-up and instead shows a gleeful, joyous face while still being technically correct in depicting a face with rolling eyes. It should be possible for emoji vendors to design correct glyphs without consulting auxiliary material like CLDR keywords. This is the whole reason for character names being so long and semantically dense, after all.

Glistening eyes can be part of numerous emotional displays all across the spectrum, so there exists great potential for confusion here. Since the original proposal intended this emoji to be used for begging, the character name could include this qualifier. A name like 'frowning face with glistening eyes' could be misinterpreted by artists as a sad face on the verge of tears or something similar, so a more detailed description of the puppy face could also work.

Proposed names:

- BEGGING FACE WITH GLISTENING EYES
- FACE WITH GLISTENING EYES AND STUCK-OUT BOTTOM LIP

U+1F97C LAB COAT

Source: [L2/17-113](#)

'Lab coat' is an informal abbreviation that should not be used as a formal identifier. The more colloquial variant should be reserved for the CLDR short name.

Proposed name: LABORATORY COAT

U+1F97D GOGGLES

Source: [L2/17-113](#)

There are different kinds of goggles, for example swimming goggles or flying goggles, but the original proposal clearly intended this emoji to exclusively represent safety goggles in a scientific context.

Proposed names:

- SAFETY GOGGLES
- SAFETY GLASSES

U+1F97F WOMANS FLAT SHOE

Source: [L2/17-274](#)

Clothes do not have gender; people do. Anyone is able to wear any clothes regardless of their gender. Objects should be named according to their form and function, not according to who is stereotypically allowed to use them. The existence of several other wrongfully gendered clothing emoji should not serve as precedent for repeating the same mistake here.

Proposed names:

- FLAT SHOE
- FLAT OPEN SHOE
- BALLET SHOE
- BALLET FLAT SHOE
- BALLET SNEAKER
- DOLLY SHOE

U+1F9F4 SQUEEZE BOTTLE

Source: [L2/17-212](#)

The original proposal specifically requested an emoji for representing lotion and nothing else. Lotion does come in squeeze bottles, but so do many sauces and even adhesives, yet this character cannot be used for representing sauce bottles or glue bottles because they look vastly different from lotion bottles. Generalizing the name was worthless because the semantics of the character cannot be generalized without distorting its appearance beyond usefulness. The name ‘squeeze bottle’ only introduces the risk of confusing implementations.

Proposed names:

- LOTION
- LOTION BOTTLE