

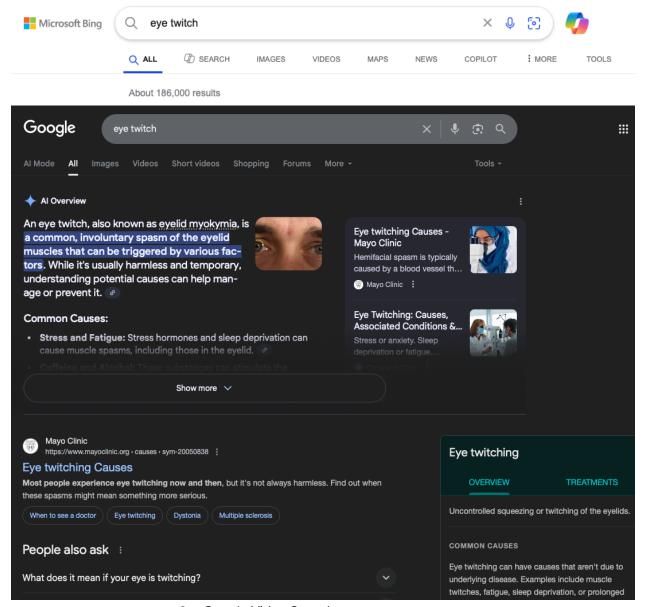
Title: Proposal for Emoji: Smiley with eye twitch

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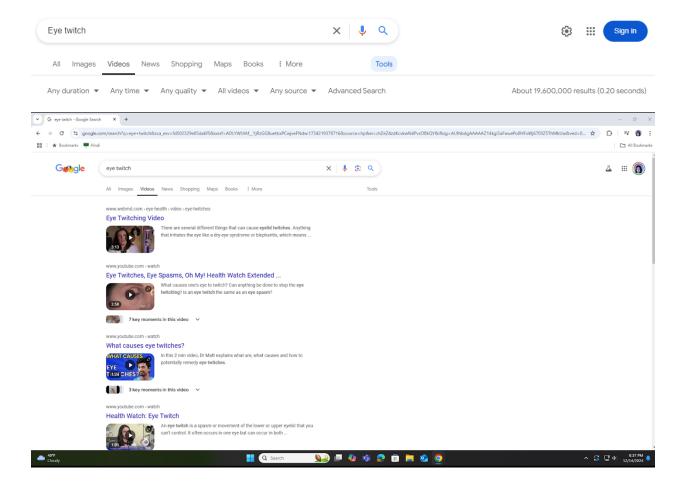
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- 1. Identification.
 - a. Keywords: stress, unwell, irritated
 - b. Category: face-unwell
- 2. Images:
 - a. Above and attached.
 - b. **License:** Submitters own all IP rights to the images submitted, as they were the submitters' own original work.
- 3. Factors for Inclusion
 - a. Expresses multiple concepts
 - i. About to lose it, annoyed, didn't get enough sleep, stress, sarcasm, too much coffee
 - ii. In many cultures, eye twitches have significance. They can foretell good or bad news, the arrival of unexpected news, the arrival of a child, gain or loss of money. They can also be tied to your relationships with others.
 - 1. https://www.jpost.com/judaism/article-788465
 - 2. https://people.howstuffworks.com/right-eye-twitching-superstition-meaning.htm
 - b. Can be used with other emoji to convey additional concepts
 - i. Emotional: Could be used with the 'zzz' and 'bed' to clearly signify a need for sleep, could be used with the 'streaming tears' to indicate irritation, could be used with the sunshine for satirical purposes.
 - c. Breaks new ground
 - There's only a couple other emojis with wide eyes (flushed face, face screaming in fear), and this one conveys a very different emotion than either of those emojis.
 - ii. No other emojis portray annoyance like the (eye twitch) would.
 - d. Is legible and visually distinctive

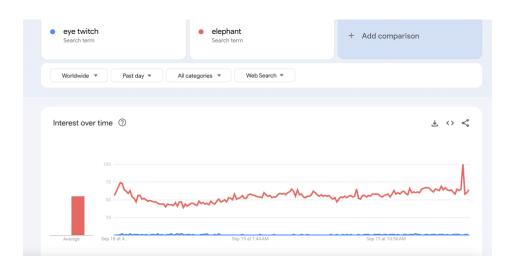
- i. This look is distinctive as the one made when something is getting on your nerves and you're about to break. It can be seen often in animated films and tv shows, and even comedy movies and shows will have characters try and make a face like this one to convey the idea of annoyance to the point of breaking. Most notably, Homelander from the Amazon Prime series "The Boys".
- e. Has a high usage level
 - i. Frequency (provide evidence with numbers)
 - 1. Google Search



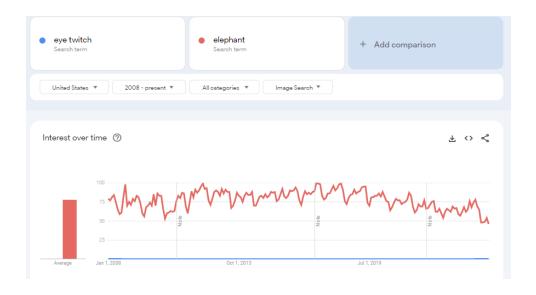
2. Google Video Search



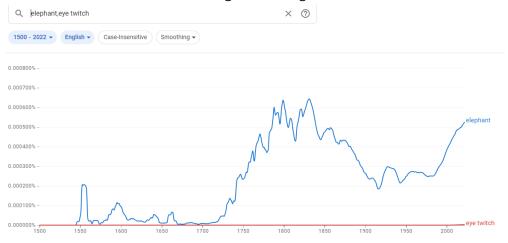
3. Google Trends: Web Search



4. Google Trends: Image Search



5. Google Books Ngram Viewer



- f. Completes an incomplete category
 - i. The "wide-eyed smiling face with eye partially closed" emoji would be in the "face, unwell" emoji category. There are many features of this emoji that aren't yet represented in the other "face, unwell" emojis such as the wide eyes. The majority of the emojis in this category show physical illness while the rest show an emotion. The proposed emoji combines both elements to show both physical and emotional impairment.
- g. Is needed for compatibility with popular existing systems
 - i. n/a

- 4. **Factors for Exclusion.** These factors weigh against a proposal's inclusion in the Unicode Standard. Address each and provide evidence (cite with data to back up any claims) to show that your emoji proposal is not:
 - a. This emoji is not already represented.
 - b. The emoji is not overly specific, as it has one obvious use and several other cultural uses.
 - c. No, this is a specific emoji with more than one meaning that has universal use.
 - d. People now more than ever need a single emoji to express such frustration in keeping with our "social standards".
 - e. \odot might feel similar but the meaning of eye twitch is entirely different.
- 5. **Other information.** Any other information that would be helpful, such as design considerations for images.
 - a. The design includes a smiling face with one eye squinted. The squinted eye has lines on the face indicating a "twitching/wincing motion."