

Virtual Flirts Break Loose Online



(NAPS)—The growing success of online dating has spawned a new set of virtual expressions and emotions that are becoming standard for letting e-sparks fly between two people on the Internet.

According to AmericanSingles.com, the largest independent global online dating service, there are at least 15 million people already looking for love online, with 1.5 million at their site alone. The large numbers mean that people are finding new, fast and innovative ways of communicating their feelings.

Enter “virtual flirting” with a vengeance.

“Flirting is all about attitude and emotions. And interestingly enough, singles are finding that it’s easy to express themselves online in fun, creative ways that ring true to their personalities,” says Eve Hogan, online relationship expert for AmericanSingles.com. “And those who are usually a little on the shy side are getting the chance to carefully test the flirting waters from behind the safety of their computer screen. For the first time ever, they’re getting the opportunity to go all out and be themselves.”

But cyber-spontaneity wouldn’t be the same without something called “eMoticons”—the cyber-solution to emotions.

According to online relationship expert Hogan, the following are

some of the more popular, playful symbols used to catch the eye of a potential partner:

Reveal Your True ‘eMoticons’

eMoticons are a series of typed symbols that express emotions over the Internet.

Sampling from AmericanSingles.com:

:)	smile, “I’m so happy.”
: :-)	“I’m so happy, I could cry.”
; -)	wink, “Tee-hee.”
; ->	mischievous wink
: -,	grin
: -D	laughter
: -O	surprise, “Oh!”
8-l	bug-eyed
8-O	“Oh MY!!”
: -*	kiss
: -{}	“I’m blowing you a kiss.”
(())**	“Hugs and kisses for you.”
(((name)))	“I’m giving you a hug.”
[]	“I need a hug.”
: -T	straight face, “I say nothing.”
: -#	censored, “Mum’s the word.”
: -&	speechless, “I’m tongue-tied.”
: -\	ambivalent, cynical
} {	nose to nose
: (frown, “I’m sad.”
: - [pouting

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