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Main Entry: **emo-ti-con**

Pronunciation: \i-'mō-ti-,kän\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: *emotion* + *icon*

Date: 1987

: a group of keyboard characters (as :-)) that typically represents a facial expression or suggests an attitude or **emotion** and that is used especially in computerized communications (as e-mail)

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