

How to know if you are an Emoticon

The "emo" is style of music, clothing and people, characterized by expressive behaviors about feelings. It was originated in 1980 in United States with hardcore punk music which is "emotional hardcore" or "emocore". The term "emo" has been applied to describe different aspects such as fashion, culture and behavior. People correlate "The emos" with emotional, sensitive, shy, introverted and vegetarian stereotypes. Also, "emos" have been associated with stereotypes linked to depression, self-harm, aggression and suicide. In other countries like Saudi Arabia, "emo's" clothing style is an offense for their religion and is considered contrary to Islam.



Being Emo is not simply about the way your clothing is, emo is about your lifestyle. The first thing in your list to

be an emo is to choose the proper shoes, clothing, hair style, music and attitude. The most important aspect of their culture is music because that expresses the ideas and penetrates their soul, to be an emo is a way in which people are trying to express themselves. The base for the emo style is black clothing but their style is unique as in individual looks, because the emotions behind the person are unique too. When you speak about the personality and attitude of the emos, you think of quiet, shy, sad, introverted and mysterious people, but the emotional style of the emo people talks about, the moment when they face their emotions, emos just see the world in a more emotional way.



The emo music began as a style of post-hardcore and hardcore punk, It was created in reaction to the increased violence within the scene and as an extension of the personal politics espoused by Ian MacKaye of Minor

Threat¹, between the focus of the music from the community versus the individual people, the emo music tries to break free from hardcore's self-imposed in favor of varied rhythms, melodic guitars, and impassioned lyrics. You can find some feelings in the emo lyrics like homesick, romantic bitterness, and poetic desperation, most the groups of emo music try to compose similar songs, of self-searching or emotional release. Diana Carolina Mesa Galindo



The emo Kids are a kind of **like** gothic-light-people, this means not knowing how to deal with the large amount of emotions that rage through adolescent and teenage bodies, because emos act as if they have no place in the world, they can't find a fit, and they don't know how to deal without a connection with the others. In most places in the world emos are kids of middle class with opportunities to have money and

graduate from high school, and attend college; but they are worried kids because of the emotional problems and they are considered emotionally sensitive and brooding, more so in particular than other adolescents.²

Emo kids are a great subculture, because I think they express their feelings in a good way, sometimes this subculture provides a space for young people to refrain from drinking, drugs and have sexual activity. While it is not necessary to be in the emo subculture, many emo kids are proclaimed as non-drinkers or drug addicts. The emo subculture also provided a place where people could feel comfortable in the decisions they made about their lives.



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¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_MacKaye

² <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1466&context=etd>