Usage of Punctuation Marks
")" and "(" among Young
People in the Context of
Internet Communication

Little survey

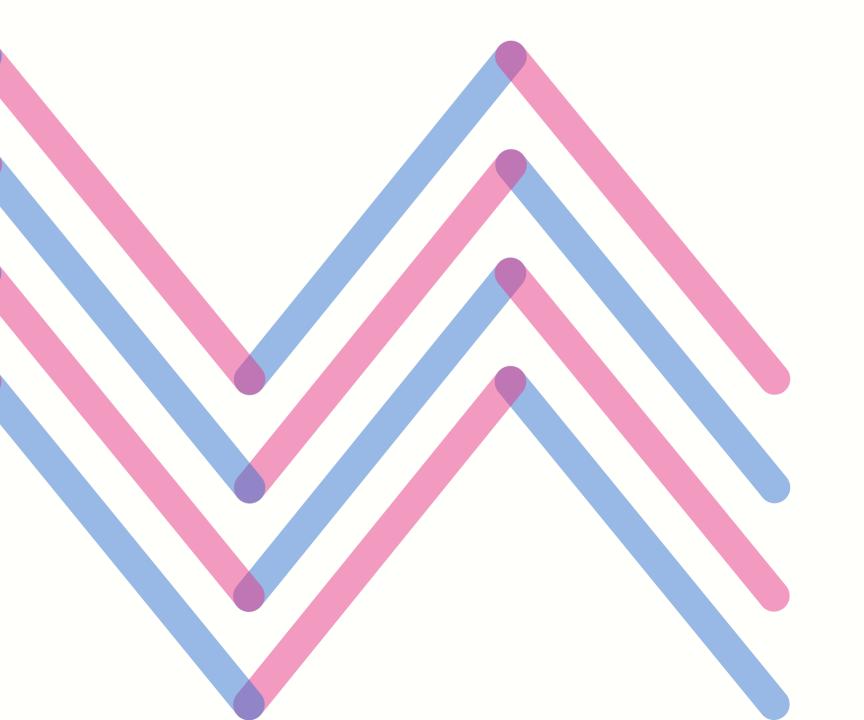




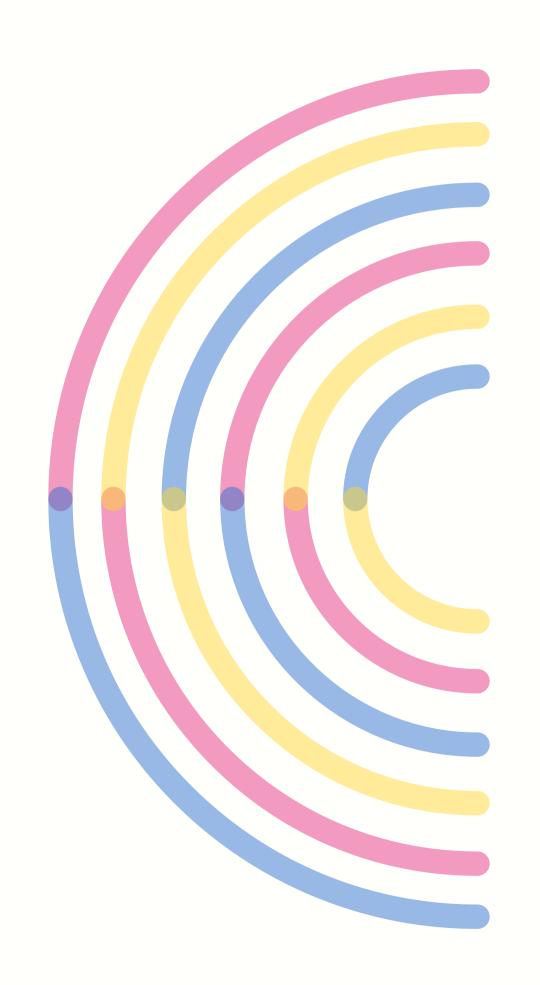
Our aim

Analyze the usage of the punctuators ")" and "(" among Russian youth from 18 to 25 years in the Internet communication

Research goals



- find theoretical literature
- create a survey
- analyze the results



The perception of information

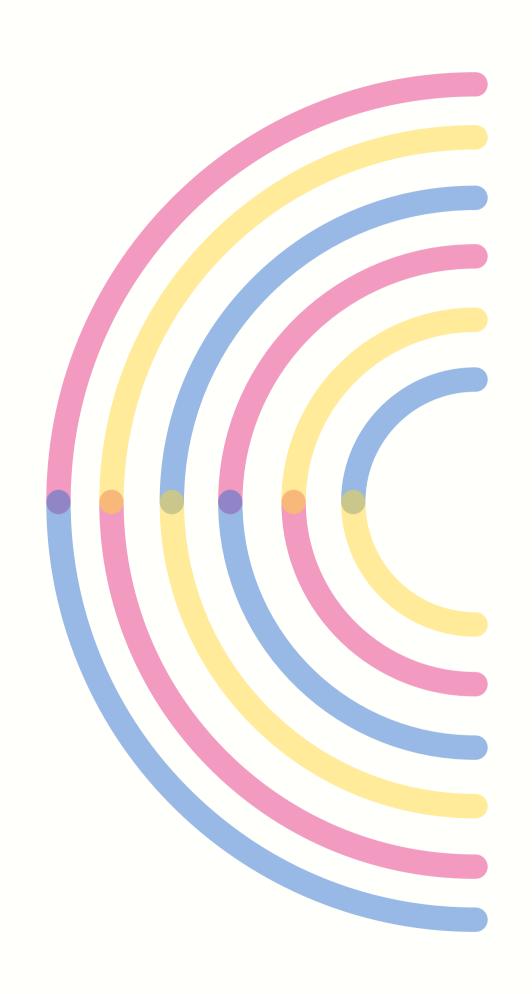


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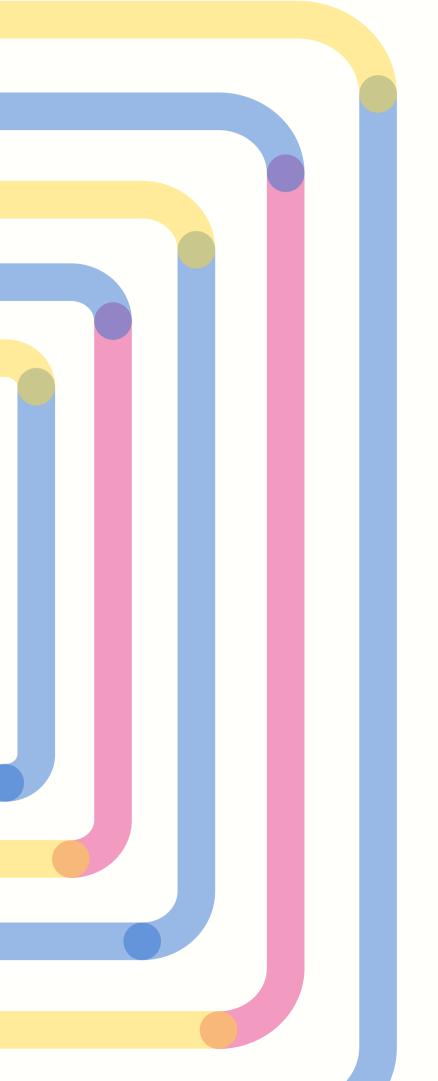


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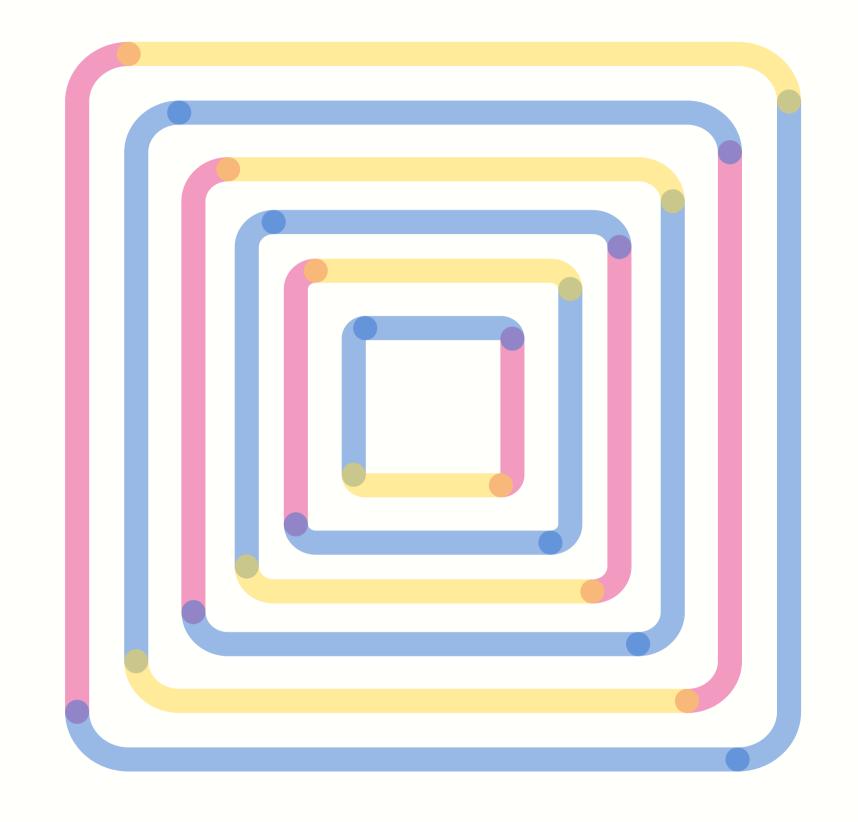


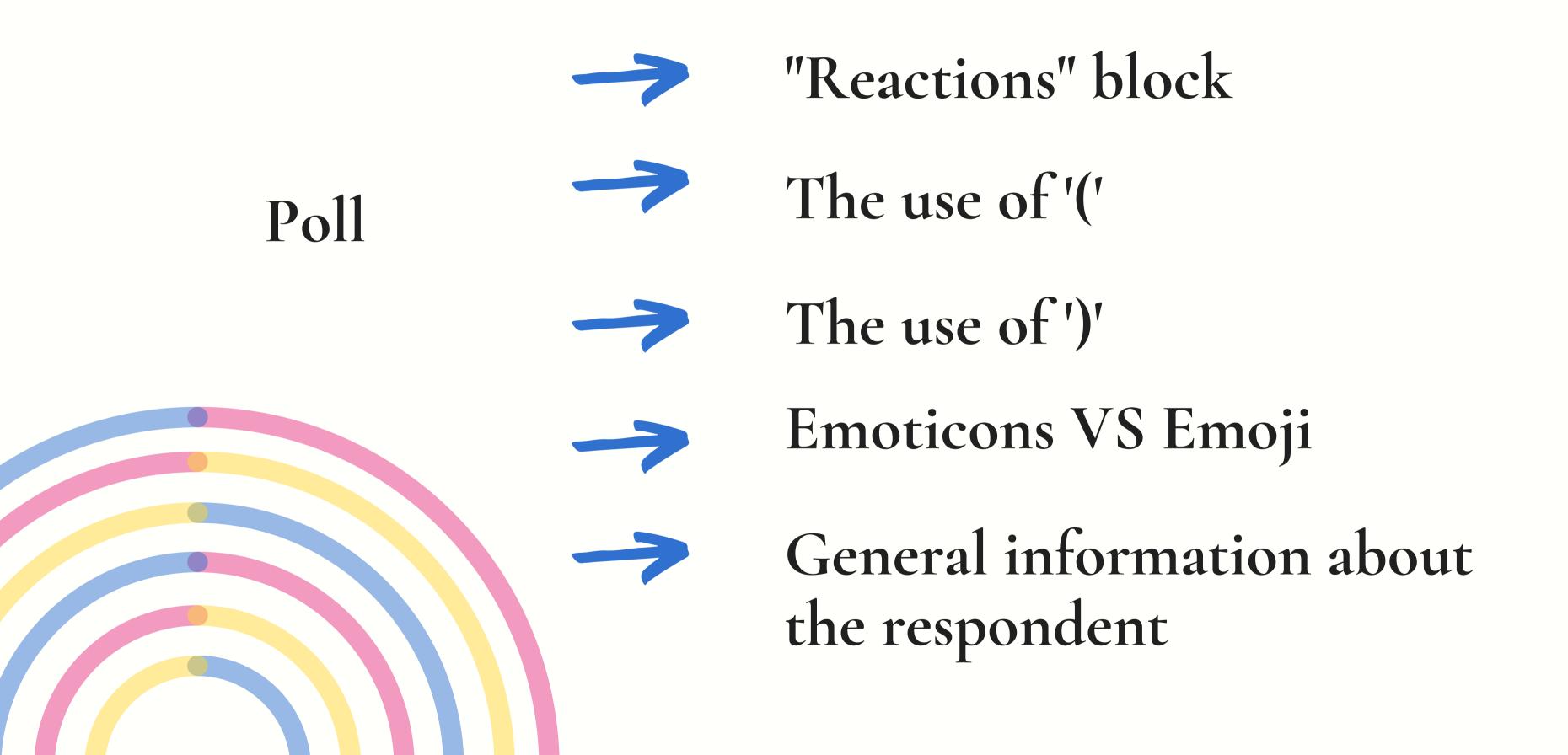
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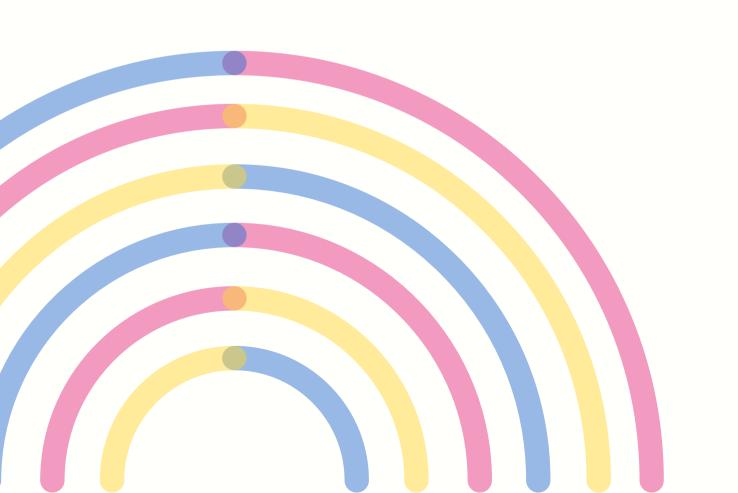
- Scott Fahlam, 1982
- emotion + ikon =emotikon
- :)

Experiment

- 152 respondents from 16 up to 25
- Five blocks
- Subconcious and unsubconcious questions







Я не приду сегодня на пары, я заболела I am not going to the uni, I got cold



- Скоро поправишься)/You'll be fine)
- Выздоравливай))/Get well))
- Ладно. А когда придешь?)/Оk. When'll you come?

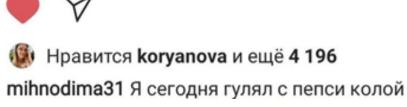
- Жаль(/I'm so sorry(
- Как жалко((/What a pity((
- Ох.. Выздоравливай((/Oh...Get well(

Моя собака сломала лапу My dog has broken its paw



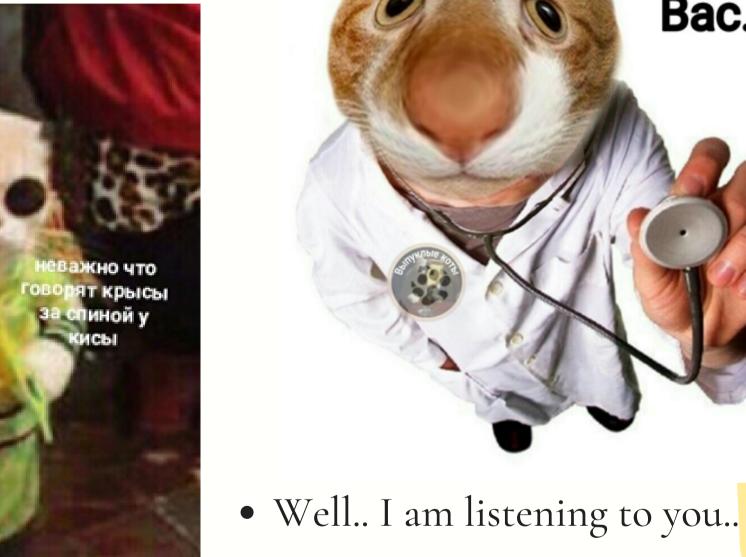
- Ужасная новость(/ Terrible news(
- Держись, бро((/ Hold on, bro((
- Сочувствую ((/ I feel for you(

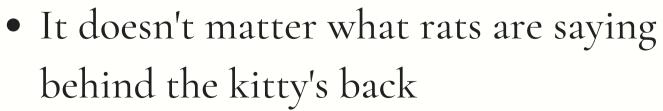




• I was walking with my pepsi today...









"Reactions" block Wish a friend "Happy Birthday"



- С днем рождения!)/Нарру birthday)
- С др)))/ HB)))
- Будь счастлив) / Ве һарру

"Reactions" block. Conclusions

- ')', '(' are common in written speech
- ')' stands for positive emotions, '(' for negative ones

*Some people would better use emojis

- I'll do the presentation
- Nice)
- I'll do the presentation
- Nice))

I'll do the presentation

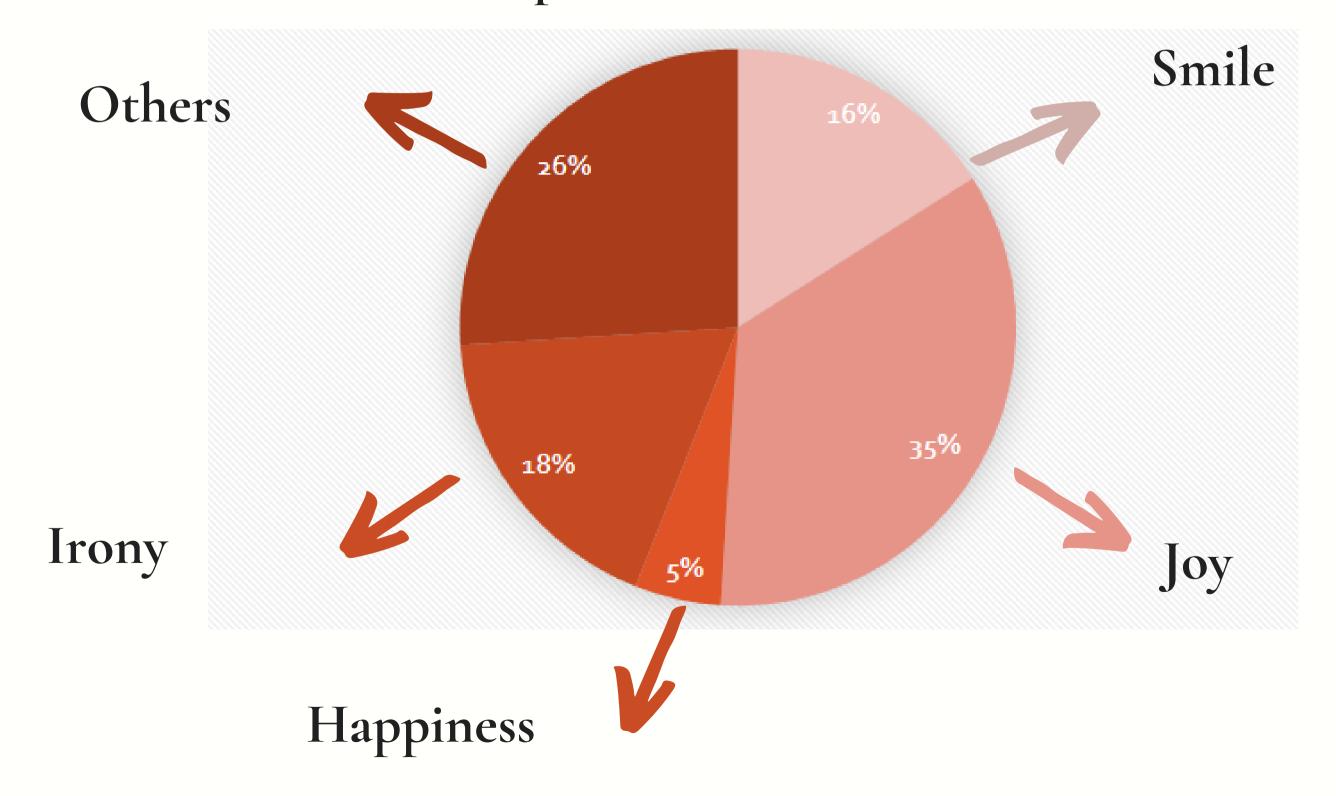
- Nice)))

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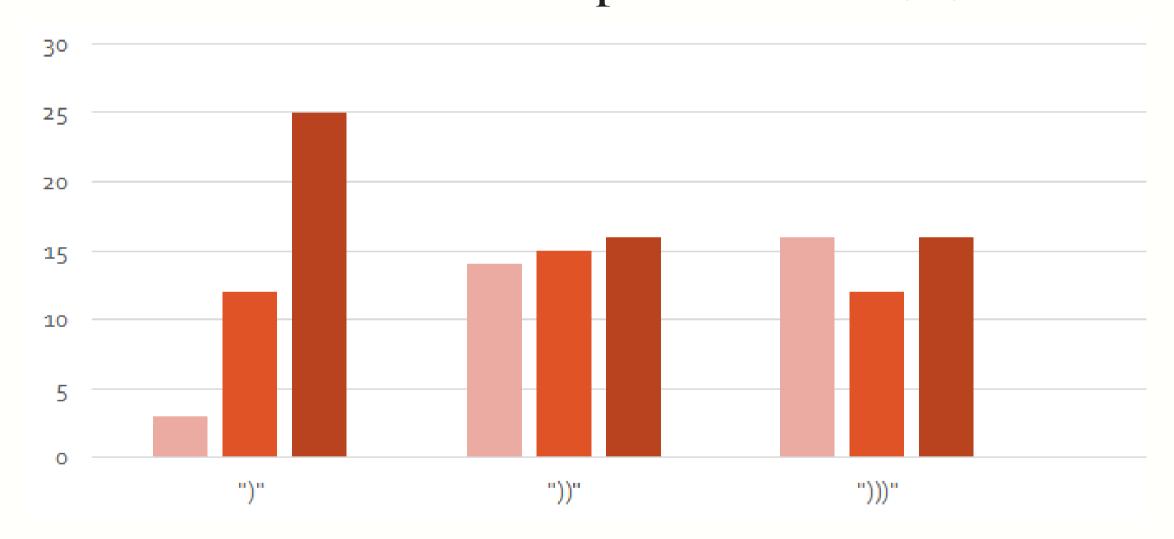
38% of respondents proved it



What emotions can be expressed with an ')'?



Positive emotions expressed with),)),)))

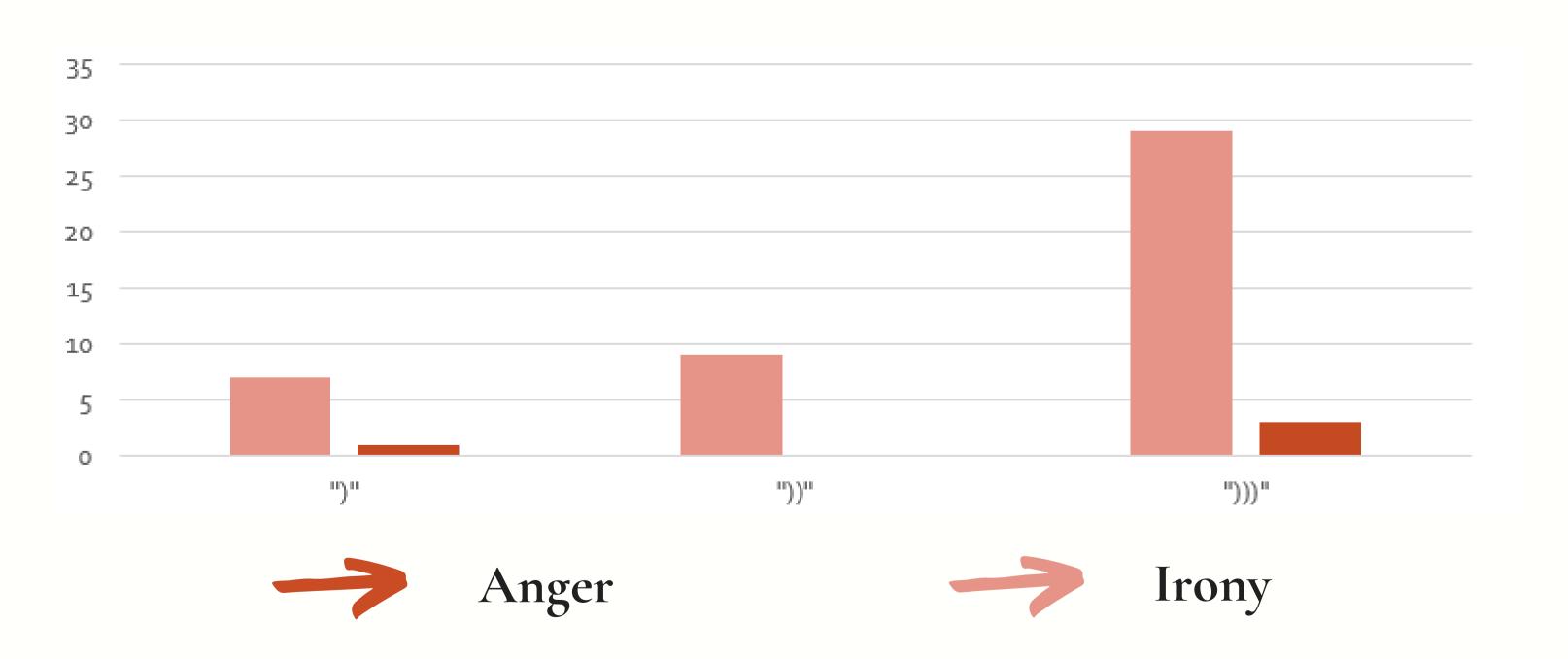








Negative emotions expressed with),)),)))



Conclusions on ')'

- ')' is for joy, smile
- One bracket is used for communicating with unfamiliar people
- Two brackets is for kindness, smile
- Three brackets is for irony, sarcasm

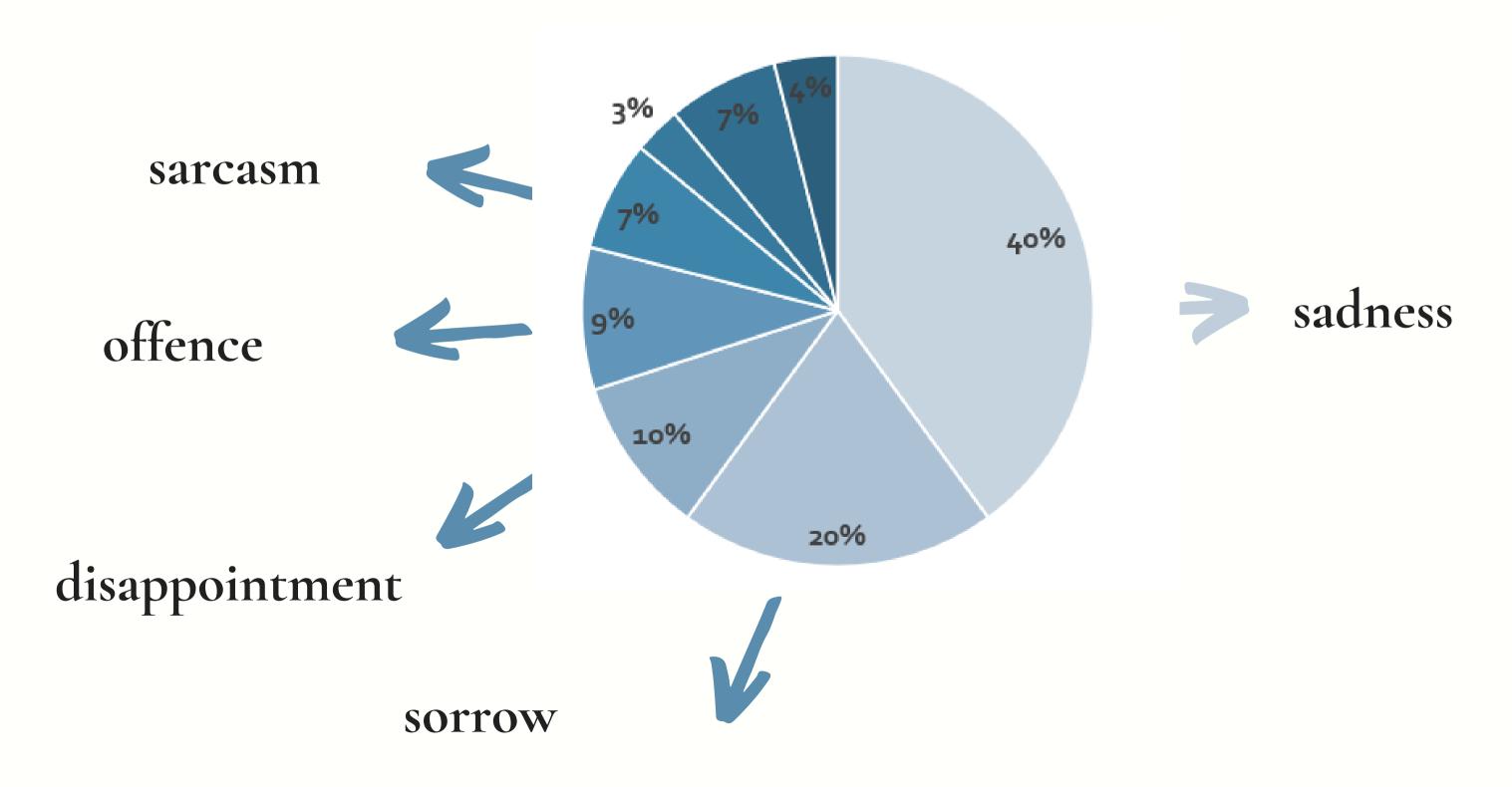
The use of '('

- I can't manage to come to you today
- What a pity, I hoped you'd do it(
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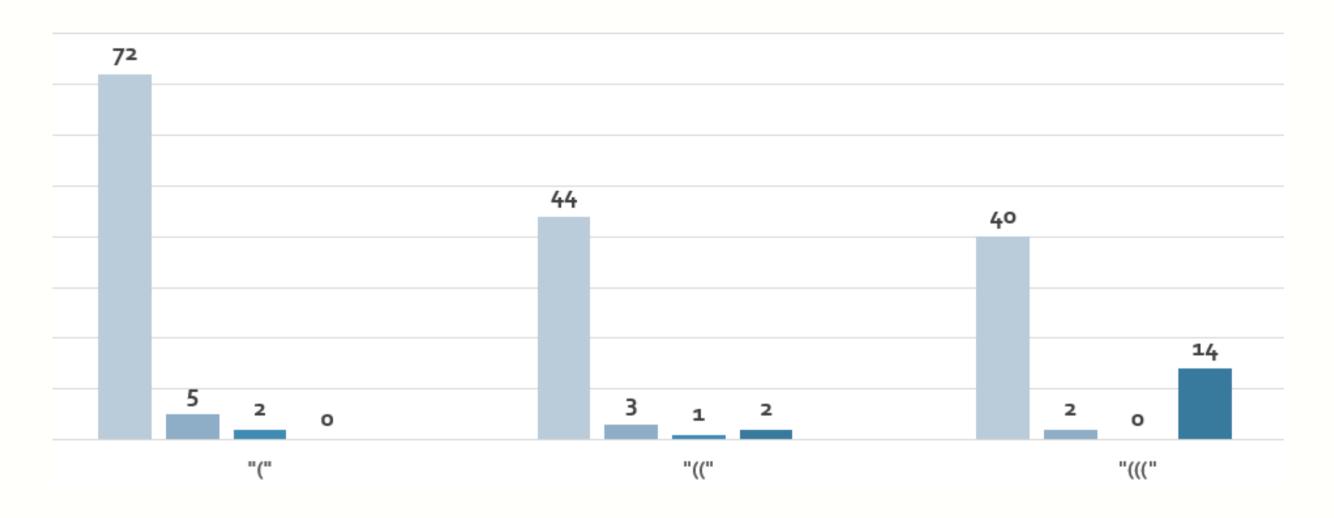
THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN (,((,((

53% of respondents proved it

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sorrow == sadness == anger





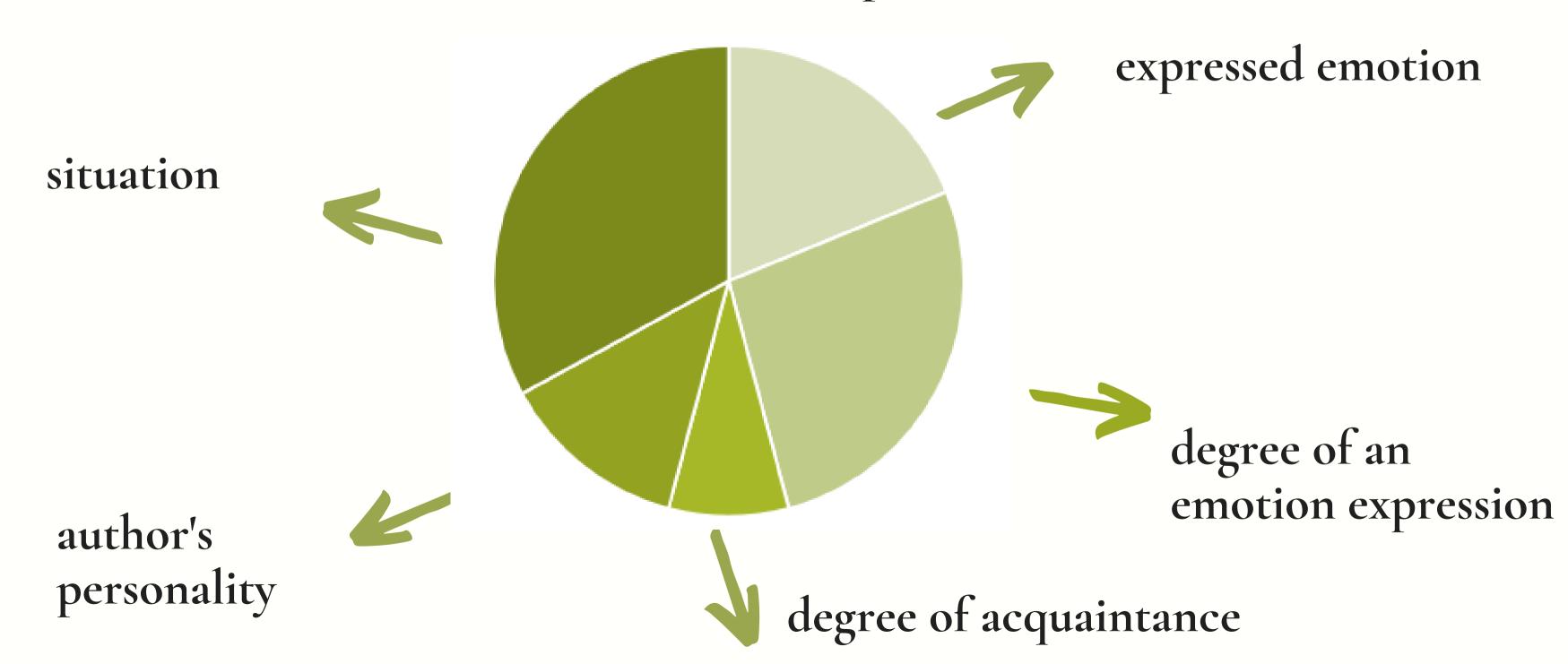
sarcasm

Conclusions on '('

- A half of respondents see the difference between (, ((, ((
- 10 % don't use them at all

The use of')', '('

The number of brackets depends on...



Emoticons VS Emoji

Emoticons > Emoji

- faster to type
- habit
- don't like the yellow faces of emoji

Emoticons < Emoji

- bigger range of emotions expressed
- more beautiful, colorful
- handy

Emoticons = Emoji

• depends on the situation

Conclusions

- ')' stands for both positive and negative emotions
- '(' primarily expresses negative emotions
- Young people are used to communicate with emoticons



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