**Can AI guess your emotion?**



**DT + Health and Physical Education**

**Summary:** Discuss emotions as a class, and introduce the idea of artificial intelligence (AI). This lesson can also be used to introduce image classification – a key application of AI.

**Year level**: F–2, 3–4

## Preparation

Familiarise yourself with the [Teachable machine](https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/) application. View the supporting videos.

Note: Teachable machine requires Google Chrome on Windows or Macintosh (tablets are not supported) and a webcam.



Image 1: Teachable Machine Application Happy/Sad project screenshot

The image above shows the view of a project created in the [Teachable machine](https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/) AI application. On the left, the classes are shown Background, Happy and Sad. The preview on the left shows the model being tested using a smiley emoji. The AI recognises the emoji as ‘Happy’ (100%) shown as a complete red bar.

## Safety warning

**Privacy and personal information: Discuss the potential misuse of personal images when uploading images of ourselves or friends on websites. Instruct students not to record images of themselves or others via the webcam or uploading images.**

**The conditions of use for Teachable machine state that images are not stored on external servers if the teachable machine program is closed when completed and the project is not saved. If students close the tab, nothing is saved in their browser or on any servers.**

## Learning map and outcomes

By the end of this lesson students will:

* Describe the key facial features that help us recognise a person’s emotions.
* Draw and recognise different faces showing an emotion such as sad, happy or angry.
* Train an Artificial Intelligence (AI) to recognise an emoji as happy or sad.
* (In a follow up lesson) Create their own AI model to recognise images (eg a pet, an Australian animal or a number from 1 to 10).

## Learning hook

### Unplugged activity

1. Use a suitable hook to discuss emotions. Why is it important that we recognise someone’s emotions?

Write or draw some emotions on cards, one emotion per card. Give a student a card to act out. Then ask the class to guess the emotion. Alternatively, show character images from a picture book, and have students guess the emotions.

Ask the class: What tells us that a person is happy, sad, angry or surprised? What is a neutral expression?

1. As a class, create a table of information to look for patterns in the data.

***Example table (yours may be different)***

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| **Emotion** | **Features** |
| Happy | * Smiling
* Raised eyebrows
* Eyes wide open
* Puffy cheeks
* Teeth showing
* Lips facing up
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| Sad  | * Eyebrows pinched
* Eyes partly open
* Lips facing down
 |
| Angry | * Eyebrows scrunched up
* Nose pinched
* Teeth clenched
 |

1. Compare your descriptions of features to emojis or emoticons. How do your descriptions compare? What features are used to convey each emotion?

This activity can be done as a teacher-led activity, or adapted as a hands-on activity to suit a range of skills. Students can begin at Level 1 and demonstrate understanding at each level or start at a selected level.

The level of difficulty could be increased as follows and presented using a gaming analogy. When explaining the task use a combination of verbal and visuals.

***The activity has been levelled to enable differentiation.***

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| Level 1 | ***Cut and paste emoji sorting***You may wish to have students do a sorting activity where they have different emoji pictures that they need to cut out and sort into categories. A common emoji set of faces can be found [here](https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Category:Noto_Color_Emoji_Nougat&filefrom=Emoji+u1f538.svg#mw-category-media).A sample ‘Sort the emojis’ handout in Word format can be downloaded [here](http://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/docs/default-source/DT-/can-ai-guess-your-emotion/sort-the-emojis-2.docx). |
| Level 2 | ***Guess the hand-drawn emoji*** Have each student create an ‘emoji quiz’ by having them draw out several emojis on a piece of paper and include a word bank. Students then switch papers and try to guess the emotion for each emoji. Students switch back and grade the paper. A sample ‘emoji quiz’ handout in Word format can be downloaded [here](http://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/docs/default-source/DT-/can-ai-guess-your-emotion/emoji-quiz.docx). |
| Level 3 | ***Comparing differences***Have students identify differences between a pair of emojis expressing the same general emotion. For example, show two different versions of a sad face emoji and have students find the differences in the two images (e.g. ‘one has a tear next to its eye’). Also have students decide which of the two images is ‘more’ of that emotion (e.g. ‘more sad’).A sample ‘More or less emojis’ handout in Word format can be downloaded [here](http://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/docs/default-source/DT-/can-ai-guess-your-emotion/more-or-less-emojis.docx). |

## Learning input

### Plugged activity

1. Explain that computers can be programmed to be intelligent, or at least smart. Ask the class if they think a computer could guess their emotions? Could the computer work out if they are happy, sad or angry? Explain that instead of using an image of ourselves we will use an emoji. Briefly explain issues around privacy and protection when uploading images of themselves to the internet.
2. Use the tool [Teachable machine](https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/). This tool lets you train up an AI application – without having to code – to recognise inputs and match them each to a particular output. Use this [pre-made model](https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/models/wbAM1g1RE/) to test the AI to see how well it recognises a happy or sad emoji. (You will need a device with a webcam).
3. Model how to create, train and test an AI model that can recognise happy and sad. Refer to this [video explanation](https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/train?action=onboardOpen&id=DFBbSTvtpy4) or follow these steps:



Image 2: Teachable Machine Application screenshot

* Create one class as the background which is the view of the webcam. To do this edit ‘Class 1’ and label it as ‘Background’. Record images using the webcam.
* Next edit ‘Class 2’ and label as ‘Happy’. Record images of smiley emojis. Use [printed images](http://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/docs/default-source/ai-lessons/can-ai-guess-your-emotion/can-ai-guess-your-emotion_handout4c924c9809f96792a599ff0000f327dd.pdf) or student drawn emojis held in front of the webcam.
* Finally add a Class, edit ‘Class 3’ and label it as ‘Sad’. Record images of sad emojis. Use [printed images](http://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/docs/default-source/ai-lessons/can-ai-guess-your-emotion/can-ai-guess-your-emotion_handout4c924c9809f96792a599ff0000f327dd.pdf) or student drawn emojis held in front of the webcam.
* Train the model, then test using happy and sad emojis. Discuss how well the AI recognised the happy and sad emojis.
* The completed project will look something like this:



Image 3: Teachable Machine Application Happy/Sad project screenshot

## Learning construction

1. Provide students with the opportunity to create their own AI model using Teachable Machine.
2. Students may add a further class to the ‘Happy and Sad’ model demonstrated to the class. For example students may add an additional class such as surprised or angry. Students demonstrate their model in action.

## Learning demo

1. Students may come up with their own training data and project to test the Teachable Machine AI further. Here are some prompts:
	* Can the AI guess your pet type?
	* Can the AI guess the Australian animal?
	* Can the AI guess the number from 1 to 10?
	* Can the AI work out what word you have written?
2. Discuss the training data required for their project. What data will the need and where will they get it from? For example if recognising pets; where will they source images? How many images of each pet type will they need? What labels will they use? What images will they use for testing?
3. Ask students to draw a quick plan of their AI model. This plan should show the classes and describe the images needed.

## Reflection

1. Talk about the bar on the interface, which displays the AI’s confidence level.

For younger students, discuss the scale. If the bar is fully coloured, the AI is very sure. If the bar is only partly coloured, the AI is not quite sure. Here’s an example from our Happy/Sad AI model:

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| Correct: 100% sure | Correct: quite sure | Incorrect |
|  |  | Image preview |
| The model is working as expected. The emoji takes up the whole screen as it was trained.  | The view includes the background and a smaller view of the emoji.  | The model is not working as expected. The emoji is small and does not take up the whole screen. The model is showing a bias based on size as it was trained on full screen images. Retraining would include images of different sized emojis.  |

Discuss:

* When was the AI very sure of its guess?
* When was it not so sure?
* A bias may be experienced if the data used does not contain a diverse range. Examples may include one size, one type of image etc.

# Why is this relevant?

AI is the ability of machines to mimic human capabilities in a way that we would consider 'smart'.

Machine learning is an application of AI. With machine learning, we give the machine lots of examples of data, demonstrating what we would like it to do so that it can figure out how to achieve a goal on its own. The machine learns and adapts its strategy to achieve the goal.

In our example, we are feeding the machine images of emojis via the inbuilt camera. The more varied the data we provide, the more likely the AI will correctly classify the input as the appropriate emotion. In machine learning, the system will give a confidence value; in this case, a percentage and the bar filled or partially filled, represented by colour. The confidence value provides us with an indication of how sure the AI is of its classification.

This lesson focuses on the concept of **classification**. Classification is a learning technique used to group data based on attributes or features.

# Assessment

### Teacher assessment

Below are some assessment approaches and tasks. Choose the ones that will best suit your students.

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| **Possible tasks** | **Relevant content description(s)** |
| Draw a labelled diagram of the AI in action. Identify the digital device used, the input and outputs. * What program did you use?
* How did the computer ‘see emoji?
* What did you see onscreen?
 | [(ACTDIK001)](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/curriculum/contentdescription/ACTDIK001)[(ACTDIK007)](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACTDIK007) |
| How well did the AI recognise your group’s images? Use screen captures to help to describe what happened. Give the AI a star rating; for example:* 1 star: Correct not much of the time
* 2 stars: Correct some of the time
* 3 stars: Correct most of the time.
 | (ACTDIK002) /(ACTDIK008)(ACTDIP005)/(ACTDIP012) |
| Describe the steps you used to train your AI model. This can be conducted as a student interview ([Think aloud](https://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/teachers/assessment/guides-and-templates)).  | (ACTDIP004)/[(ACTDIP010)](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACTDIP010) |
| How might this type of AI be used in our daily lives? How does a smartphone use facial recognition to unlock? Can it be fooled? Why is this type of AI useful?  | (ACTDIP005)/(ACTDIP012) |

# Australian Curriculum alignment

### Digital Technologies

**Years F–2**

Recognise and explore digital systems (hardware and software components) for a purpose [(ACTDIK001)](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/curriculum/contentdescription/ACTDIK001)

Recognise and explore patterns in data and represent data as pictures, symbols and diagrams (ACTDIK002)

Follow, describe and represent a sequence of steps and decisions (algorithms) needed to solve simple problems (ACTDIP004)

Explore how people safely use common information systems to meet information, communication and recreation needs (ACTDIP005)

**Years 3–4**

Identify and explore a range of digital systems with peripheral devices for different purposes, and transmit different types of data [(ACTDIK007)](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACTDIK007)

Recognise different types of data and explore how the same data can be represented in different ways (ACTDIK008)

Define simple problems, and describe and follow a sequence of steps and decisions (algorithms) needed to solve them [(ACTDIP010)](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACTDIP010)

Explain how student solutions and existing information systems meet common personal, school or community needs (ACTDIP012)

### Health and Physical Education

**Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing**

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| **Foundation** | Practise personal and social skills to interact positively with others [(ACPPS004)](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/curriculum/contentdescription/ACHASSI037)Identify and describe emotional responses people may experience in different situations [(ACPPS005)](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/curriculum/contentdescription/ACHASSI010)  |
| **Years 1–2** | Describe ways to include others to make them feel they belong [(](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACPPS019)ACPPS019)Identify and practise emotional responses that account for own and others’ feelings (ACPPS020)  |
| **Years 3–4** | Investigate how emotional responses vary in depth and strength (ACPPS038)  |

### ICT Capability

Typically, by the end of Year 2, students:

* Generate solutions to challenges and learning area tasks: Experiment with ICT as a creative tool to generate simple solutions, modifications or data representations for particular audiences or purposes.
* Select and use hardware and software: Identify and safely operate a selected range of appropriate devices, software, functions and commands when operating an ICT system and attempt to solve a problem before seeking help.

Typically, by the end of Year 4, students:

* Generate solutions to challenges and learning area tasks: Create and modify simple digital solutions, creative outputs or data representation/transformation for particular purposes.
* Select and use hardware and software: Identify and independently operate a range of devices, software, functions and commands, taking into consideration ergonomics when operating appropriate ICT systems, and seek solutions when encountering a problem.