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- Every mortal will taste death but only some will taste life; therefore, enjoy
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 - Seize the day or die regretting the time you lost.

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Language is not the only factor that is important in a conversation. Other than language, nonverbal cues such as tone, gestures, and expressions are important in a successful conversation. What about discussions on online platforms? when these actions are not possible for us. Emojis are tools that take the place of these in online conversations, helping people to communicate effectively. Online conversations can take place on various social media platforms. As the most popular social media platform, Facebook has a 'page' feature that allows users to connect with others who share similar interests and have discussions about particular subjects. In this study, the researcher explored the role and meaning of Emojis on the community Facebook page 'Palestine'.

This study aimed to analyze the meaning and identify the role of Emojis used by Facebook users on the community Facebook page 'Palestine'. The data in this study are in the form of Emojis used by people when commenting on a post during the Palestine-Israel ceasefire in 2023. The data were collected by screenshotting the comments that contain Emojis and were analyzed using Spradley's analysis model. The Spradley's analysis model consists of four steps: Domain Analysis, Taxonomic Analysis, Componential analysis, and Cultural theme analysis. The research uses theories from (Saussure, 1959) and (Evans, 2017) to analyze and identify the meaning and roles of Emojis, respectively.

The result of this research shows that certain Emojis categories and roles are closely related to one another. The complementing role is the most often used Emojis role, while smileys are the most commonly used Emojis category. Based on these findings, we can conclude that Facebook users tend to use Emojis that can convey a wide range of expressions to complement their comments.