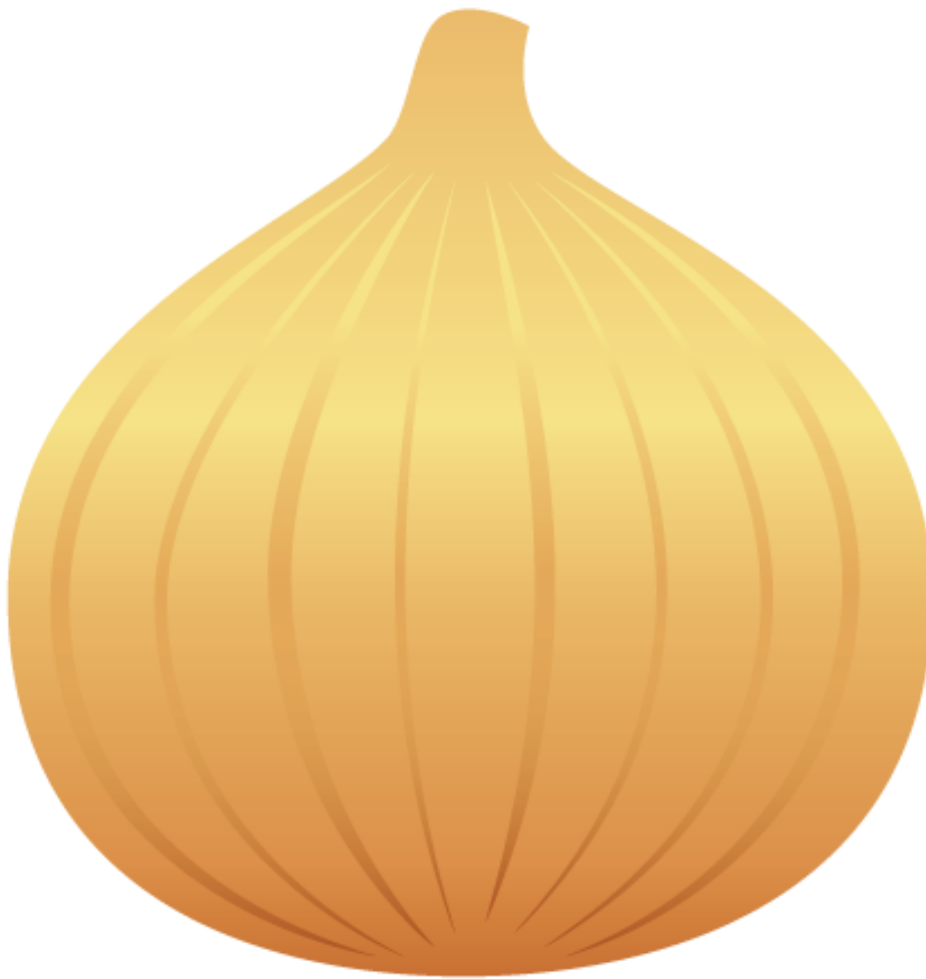


## PROPOSAL FOR ONION EMOJI

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### Abstract

This proposal requests the addition of ONION to the Unicode Emoji character library. The common onion is the most widely-cultivated species in the *Allium* genus, and culinarily worldwide.



*Bulb onion*

(Image by Aphelandra Messer/Emojination. Free for use in conjunction with this proposal)

## Introduction

With a history of several thousand years of human consumption and use, onions have been featured in recipes, writings, and art worldwide. Onions are available in a number of forms and varieties. In addition to being recognizable culinarily, onions are also known for making people cry.<sup>0</sup> The layered structure of their bulbs is the basis for a common metaphor:

*Shrek: Ogres are like onions.*

*Donkey: They stink?*

*Shrek: Yes. No.*

*Donkey: Oh, they make you cry.*

*Shrek: No.*

*Donkey: Oh, you leave em out in the sun, they get all brown, start sproutin' little white hairs.*

*Shrek: No. Layers. Onions have layers. Ogres have layers. Onions have layers. You get it? We both have layers.*

*Donkey: Oh, you both have layers. Oh. You know, not everybody like onions.*

Onions are critical components of mirepoix, sofrito, soffritto, refogado, sazón, the Cajun holy trinity, onion chutneys, and *tarte à l'oignon*.

They are the subject of figures of speech such as "peeling back the onion", "know your onions", « mêle-toi de tes oignons », and metaphors involving things that are layered. They have been featured in classic literature, including Shakespeare, Cervantes, and Chaucer

Onions are believed to have health benefits, such as reducing or healing inflammation, and preventing cancer.

In computer networking, onion routing is a technique for anonymous communication over a computer network. In an onion network, messages are encapsulated in layers of encryption, analogous to layers of an onion. The encrypted data is transmitted through a series of network nodes called onion routers, each of which "peels" away a single layer, uncovering the data's next destination. When the final layer is decrypted, the message arrives at its destination. The sender remains anonymous because each intermediary knows only the location of the immediately preceding and following nodes.<sup>1</sup>

## Names

CLDR short name: onion

CLDR keywords: onion, food, allium

## Selection Factors Inclusion

### Compatibility

While there have been many requests for an ONION emoji, most popular messaging services have not included a ONION emoji yet. This proposal seeks to rectify that.

### Expected Usage Level

#### Frequency

We expect use of the ONION emoji to be high globally, as onion is found in cuisines throughout the world.

#### Multiple Usages

The ONION emoji would be used heavily by food-eaters, chefs, and people using metaphors about crying. It could be used in combination with other emoji to express a variety of prepared dishes.

It would be used in idioms and to refer to fictional characters and real people who are associated with onions.

#### Use in Sequences

cheese and onion pie: CHEESE WEDGE, ONION, PIE

French onion soup: FRANCE, ONION, POT OF FOOD

onion bread: ONION, BREAD

onion ring: ONION, RING

onion sandwich: ONION, SANDWICH

slicing onions: HOCHO, ONION

watery eyes/crying caused by chopping onions: HOCHO, ONION, CRYING FACE or LOUDLY CRYING FACE or SPLASHING SWEAT SYMBOL or DROPLET

たまねぎ剣士 (onion swordsman): ONION, FENCER

### Image Distinctiveness

Bulb onions are instantly recognizable.

## Completeness

Onion represents a major category of culinary and cultural experience which is not represented in the current emoji list. We argue that the *Allium* genus is underrepresented.

## Frequently Requested

Twitter is full of people with various levels of outrage at the lack of onion emoji.



**Jace, The Living Xanax has 0 Energy**

@Inkfacefahz

Follow



why can't i find an onion emoji?????????

7:56 PM - 29 Oct 2017



**Yohn | #0301WONHODAY**

@minpuppyhyuk

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🔪 [insert onion emoji; why the fruck is there no onion emoji, but there is a peach that looks more like an ass?]



**arisa** @jsuschaerist

whos cutting onions

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3:46 AM - 23 Oct 2017



**Dad**

@DaddyPapa

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Why 🍅 is 🍊 there 🌽 no 🍈 onion 🌶️  
emoji 🍌.

10:41 PM - 25 Oct 2017



**Dino**

@Dinoo\_18

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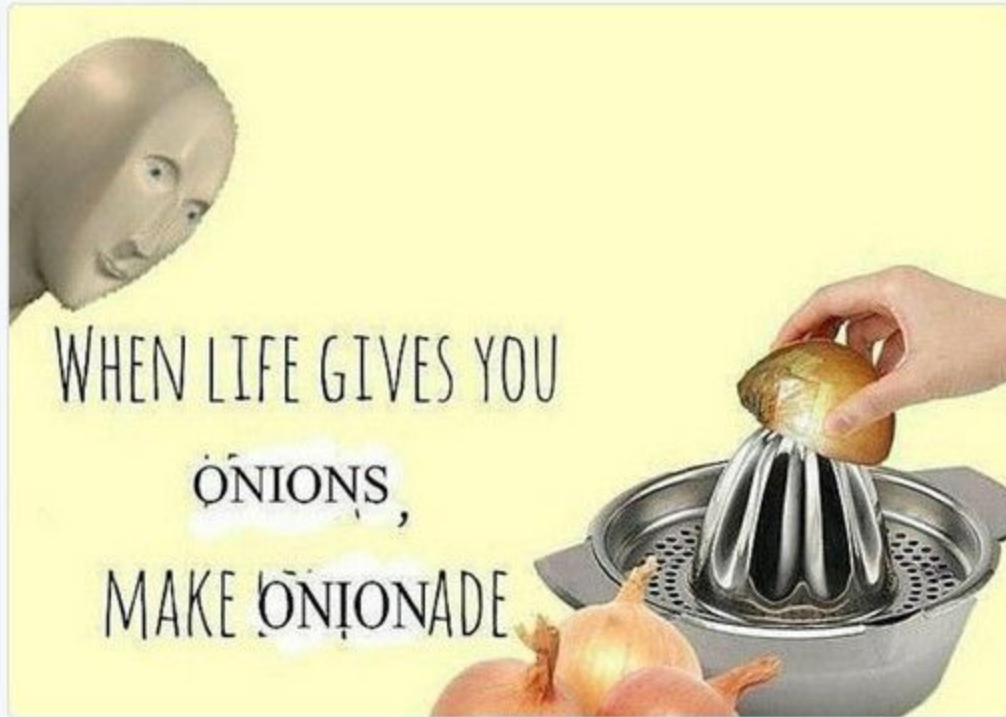
If there was a onion emoji I woulda dropped  
that one 😂

4:56 PM - 8 Oct 2017



me irl @ItMeIRL · 16 Oct 2017

Me 🥜 irl



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2.1K



6.0K



**lizzie | 218**

@cultureforbids\_

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Replying to @ItMeIRL

that's not even an onion emoji it's a hazelnut.  
step it up

8:50 PM - 16 Oct 2017



**Emoji Information** 

@Informoji

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Replying to @Emojipedia @sundarpichai

 must touch  but not .  
 and  should be on top.  
Some layer should separate  and .

Honey stands in for mustard, no  
**#OnionEmoji** yet.

2:11 PM - 29 Oct 2017



**democracy dies in darkness**

@Babybadness\_

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Replying to @paperkim @HalfOnionInABag

Dang ! Really  ? Blistering barnacles!!!  
Isn't their an onion emoji??

11:35 PM - 28 Oct 2017



**jia**

@onionleader

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Replying to @banguniq @jaebitten

I hope the next emoji update has an onion.. I  
**NEED AN ONION EMOJI**  

10:32 PM - 28 Oct 2017





**Amelie Sarlin**

@ameliesarlin

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Just realised that there isn't an onion emoji?  
I smell conspiracy #tor

9:23 AM - 28 Oct 2017



**Julie**

@TheSweetBanquet

Follow



@WhatsApp Please can we have a badger,  
dinosaurs and onion emoji.. I need these in  
my life!

10:57 AM - 26 Oct 2017



**حسام**

@hussam\_alahdal

Follow



Hi @Apple  
There is no garlic or onion emoji 🙄.

12:32 AM - 26 Oct 2017



**Sabaah Jauhar-Rizvi**

@AustenLied

Follow



Replying to @kansassy\_ @HalfOnionInABag

I'm still waiting for an Onion emoji.

3:41 PM - 24 Oct 2017





**rose**



@colleenxrose

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protip: if your local supermarket allows you to take free groceries, take multiple bags of onions \*insert onion emoji\*  
[#HatersBackOffIsBack](#)

10:06 PM - 21 Oct 2017



**"sp\*n"**

@EMOEMO420

Follow



Replying to [@firefliesfled](#)

\*onion emoji\*

8:57 PM - 19 Oct 2017



**Seannn**

@seanwashere20

Follow



(onion emoji) 🥺

2:53 PM - 19 Oct 2017



**Jessica**



@jessicadayxx

Follow



Replying to [@ShitItsSammy](#)

I WANTED ONION BUT THERE AINT AN EMOJI

12:52 PM - 18 Oct 2017



**Cleo**  
@carolineCMCE

Follow



Replying to @JoyOfCats @fluffybasil and 14 others

So many layers to mew Mr Tibbs like an 🍅  
\*they didn't have a onion emoji\* 😂

2:26 AM - 16 Oct 2017



**Kevin Hctor**  
@kevinhctor

Follow



Replying to @jamesthomson @reneritchie @bigmax

That was you?! You're like an onion, James.

So many layers. 😍 \*onion emoji goes here\*

4:33 PM - 14 Oct 2017 from Pacific Heights, San Francisco



**FFXV chocobro memes**  
@BrotherhoodFfxv

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Replying to @teenyskitters

Maybe another pretty scarf - you can never  
have too many layers, Ardyn seems to think  
😂 (need an onion emoji dammit)

3:35 PM - 9 Oct 2017



**LAQ**

@LeoQuiznos

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it upsets me knowing there isnt an onion emoji 🙄

10:05 AM - 8 Oct 2017 from [Bakersfield, CA](#)

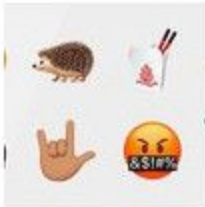


**Matt with a 'B'**

@DcMonalds

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And yet, STILL no onion emoji. Smh



**CNN Breaking News** @cnnbrk

Apple teases new emoji, including a hedgehog, giraffe, fairy, dinosaur, vampire, and a carton of Chinese takeout [cnn.it/2y5RfgD](#)

12:18 PM - 6 Oct 2017



**ONCIN** 🥒 @ducks

@donoo\_

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Replying to [@khemorroids](#) [@okamikasama](#) and 3 others

petition to add an onion emoji, this is the closest to what i wanted "🍷🌱"

4:36 PM - 1 Oct 2017



**Loz Yennah**

@lozyennah

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Replying to [@davidlamond](#) [@FatherBob](#)

Love that Turnbull has his own emoji shorthand. Where's Tony's onion emoji?

6:07 PM - 3 Oct 2017



**Madeleine Glatt**

@maddiemagichan

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WHY IS THERE NO ONION EMOJI

1:04 AM - 30 Sep 2017



**Lilly Lizardman**

@actualsunlight

Follow



There's no onion emoji and I am deeply, personally, offended and hurt.

7:43 PM - 30 Sep 2017



**TheLazyCorgi™**

@samwrightok

Follow



I just realized there's no onion emoji...I AM NOW, AS OF TODAY 9/29/17, AN ONION RIGHTS ACTIVIST!

8:22 AM - 29 Sep 2017





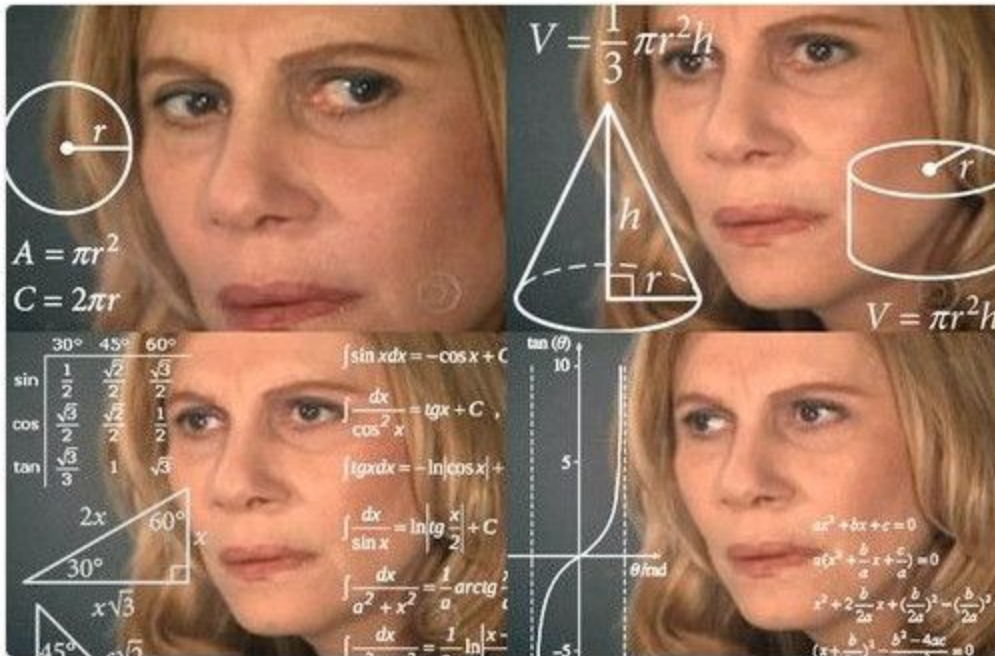
**For Xiumin**

@minsehoek

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Replying to @dt\_suga

I was about to tweet the emojis of a knife and an onion but I realised there's no onion emoji...my life is a lie



10:27 AM - 28 Sep 2017

There is also no shortage of tweets with the hashtag #onionemoji.



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@pamfoundation please help get @Apple to create an #onionemoji - retweet to show your support for the best vegetable EVER #versatileveg #lovetheveg



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@professorgreen help me get @Apple to make an #onionemoji - most underrated vegetable going. Support the cause. Retweet. #versatileveg



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@andyserkis support the cause. Get @Apple to create an #onionemoji retweet for the love of vegetables



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@SamuelLJackson please help make my dreams come true. Help me make @Apple create an #onionemoji - best vegetable EVER #versatile 🤔



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@PaulMcCartney help me get @Apple to make an #onionemoji- best vegetable EVER.



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@mcgregor\_ewan my hashtag looks starwars-esque- please will you help me make @Apple create an #onionemoji - re tweet for the best vegetable ever.



**Sorrel Nickless** @sorrel\_101 · Feb 27



@rickygervais please help us get an #onionemoji have a word with @Apple - best vegetable ever!!



Onion is a very popular hashtag on Instagram.



Search

#onion

2,020,101 posts

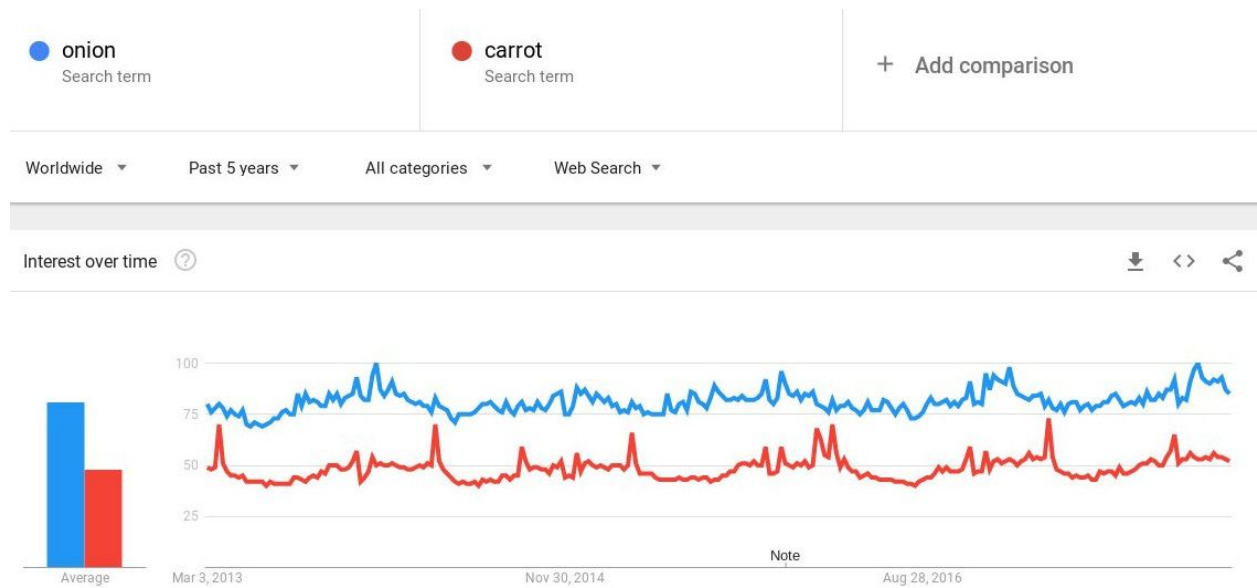


[Instagram #onionemoji](#)

[Instagram #onionemojineeded](#)

Google Trends (Web Search) indicates a level of interest in “onion” much greater than that of “carrot”, which is already an emoji.





Other required evidence relative to reference emoji MELON:





melon food

All

Images

Shopping

Maps

Videos

About 17,600,000 results (0.57 seconds)

Easy Melon Recipes & Ideas | Food & Wine



onion food

All

Images

Videos

Maps

47,700,000 Results

Any time ▼

Onion - Wikipedia

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Onion> ▼



melon food

All

Images

Videos

Maps

News

Shop

28,100,000 Results

Any time ▼

Melon Recipes : Food Network | Food Network



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Home

About 2,890,000 results



melon fruit

About 483,000 results



\$5 Melon vs \$170 Musk Melon | J

Max D. Jinsei • 22K views • 11 months ago



Onion  
Vegetable



Muskmelon  
Melon

+ Add comparison

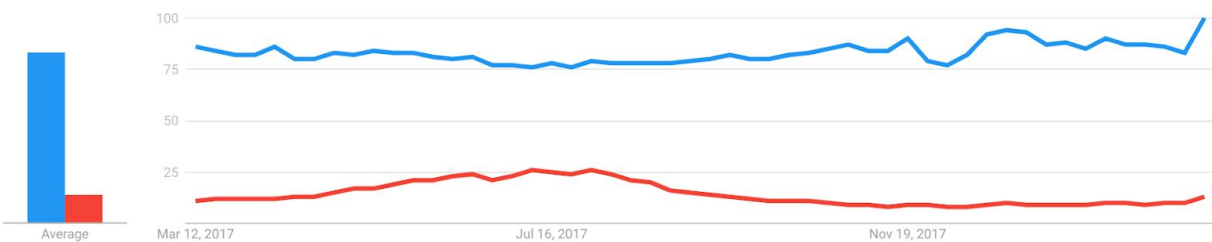
Worldwide ▾

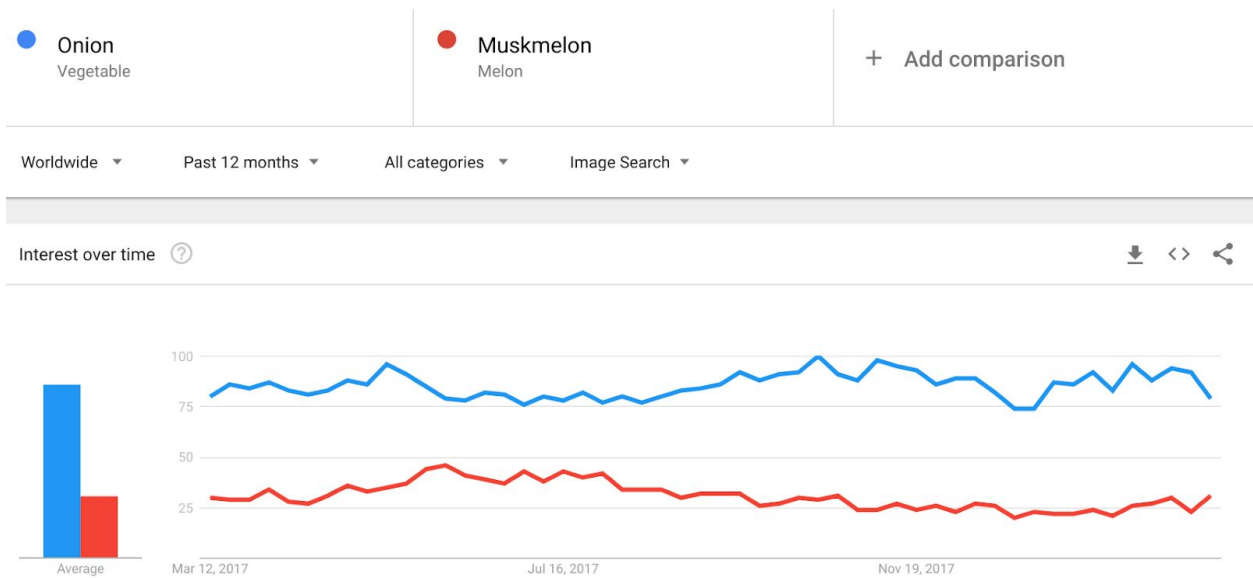
Past 12 months ▾

All categories ▾

Web Search ▾

Interest over time ?





Optional Wikipedia pageview screenshot:



## Selection Factors Exclusion

### Overly Specific

While there are many delicious members of the Allium genus, none are currently represented in emoji.

## Open Ended

If onion should open the floodgates to other edible plant bulbs, there are not that many. GARLIC is another.

## Already Representable

Given that people are using the text "onion emoji" and the emoji CHESTNUT paired with an explanation that it is meant to be onion and not a chestnut, or the emoji CHESTNUT plus the emoji SEEDLING, it seems that there is no good way of representing onion in lieu of an actual ONION codepoint.

## Transient

The onion has existed for thousands of years. It is in many, many recipes. The human race shows no signs of being ready to abandon it.

## Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

Onions are featured in many logos, brands, and trademarks. Several types of onion enjoy Protected Geographical Status in Europe. However, it would be absurd for onion itself to be the victim of intellectual property restrictions.

## Sort location

Category: food-vegetable

After EAR OF MAIZE and before HOT PEPPER

## Other Character Properties

The other character properties are suggested to be defined as follows.

General Category: So

Canonical Combining Class: 0

Bidirectional Class: ON

Decomposition Type:

Decomposition Mapping:

Numeric Type:

Numeric Value:

Bidirectional Mirrored: N Unicode 1 Name:

ISO Comment:

Simple Uppercase Mapping:

Simple Lowercase Mapping:

Simple Titlecase Mapping:

## Author Bios

Clint Adams ([clint@gcfm.net](mailto:clint@gcfm.net)) is a food enthusiast. He is presently en route to a garlic festival but he might go to the Maui Onion Festival someday. His family's pork chop recipe features a significant amount of onion.

Jennifer 8. Lee ([jenny@emojicon.co](mailto:jenny@emojicon.co)) is the co-founder of Emojination. People have remarked on her ability to cut onions with tearing up. And the recipe to the most amazing marinara sauce ever is simply San Marzano tomatoes, a stick of butter and a whole ONION.