

FF PicLig

Lesson 1



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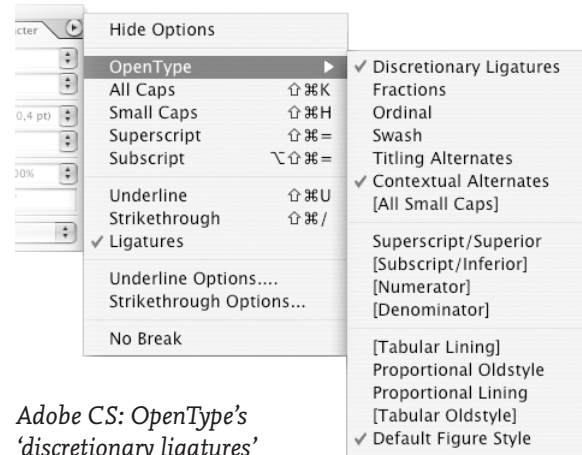
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the magic of substitution

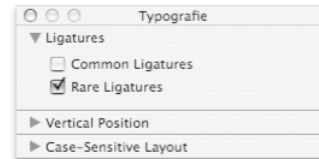
The automatic substitution of certain character combinations enables the direct integration of PicLig symbols into text.

OpenType's automatic substitution is supported by Adobe CS applications, e.g. InDesign CS and Photoshop CS. You simply have to activate OpenType's 'discretionary ligatures' under the character palette's extra options within the application. The 'discretionary ligatures' feature is not activated by default.

Some Mac OS X (10.4 and later) applications, such as TextEdit, support 'advanced typographic features'. In this case, you have to activate 'rare ligatures' in the typographic palette from the font panel's gear menu.

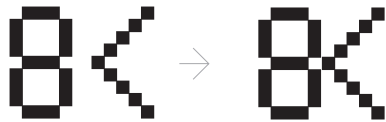


Adobe CS: OpenType's 'discretionary ligatures'

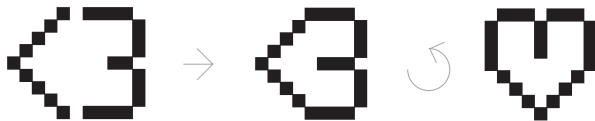


Some Mac OS X (10.4 and later) applications: 'rare ligatures'

the basic principle



horizontal picture ligatures



rotated picture ligatures

character combinations

@ + _ + ; = @.

8 + j + 8 = 8j8

(+ , + _ +) = (,)_



< + 3 = <3

* + - + > = *->

~ + | = ~|

exercise 1: fill in the gaps!

< + e +) +  = 

< +  = 

 + _ + ; = 

* + - +  = 

(+ , + _ +  = 

~ +  = 

> + - +  + - = 

O +  + | = 

= + o +  = 

[+ > +  = 

O +  = 

> + [+  = 

horizontal picture ligatures

rotated picture ligatures

keep it in ☞!

The different meanings of the PicLig symbols listed here are merely suggestions, rather than definitive meanings.

For example, the symbol ⌚ can mean hour, time, or clock, depending on its context.

😊 ⌚ → happy hour

around the ⌚ → around the clock

⌚ is ↑ → time is up

time of day/weather



sun
sub ☉=



moon
sub ☾



cloud
sub ☁



rain
sub ☔

😊 birth ✨ → happy birthday
 2 ☾ → tonight
 a ☁ of ☹ → a cloud of smoke
 as → as ☔ → as right as rain

directions



up
sub ↑



down
sub ↓



left
sub ←



right
sub →

what's ↑? → what's up?
 ↑ side ↓ → upside down
 all → → all right
 ← handed → left handed

animals



fish
sub <e>x



snail
sub @_:



chicken
sub ;D=l



dog
sub P'h

☉ing 4 → fishing for

@: ☐ → snail mail

☐ ☐ → chicken burger

人 ㇗ → sad dog

plants



clover leaf
sub 8j8



flower
sub *->



tree
sub O=l



apple
sub C)

good ☐ → good luck

thank u ☐☐ → thank you

2 ☐ ↓ a ☐ → to cut down a tree

☐ ☐ → apple computer

food and drink



cherries
sub o/\o



burger
sub C)



wine
sub l>-l



coffee
sub ~b

♠ ☐ → cherry blossom

☐ ☐ → veggie burger

☐ & ☐ → wine and dine

☐ ☐ → tea time

emotions



happy
sub :-)



confused
sub :-s



sleepy
sub l-)



heart
sub <3

☺ go ☐y → happy go lucky

dazed & ☐ → dazed and confused

2 ☐ away → to dream away

I ♡ U → I love you

🗨️ it with a 😊

Image-based symbols, such as emoticons, are increasingly becoming integrated into text.

FF PicLig uses its own letters to create text-based symbols, to integrate them into text. The symbols can replace words, as long as the syntax is unchanged.

exercise 2: reading

Do you want to learn FF PicLig

by ♥? Just 6@ this @, do your

🏠 work, practise and don't 8<

class.

Did you understand the sentence above? Please translate the PicLig symbols into words!

♥ → _____

🏠 → _____

6@ → _____

8< → _____

@ → _____

exercise 3: reading

Salut mon ☺! Les 📧📧 que je t'✉

sont l'expression de mon ♥.

Que dirais-tu de sortir boire un

☘ avec moi ce 🇫🇷? On s'👂! Je

t'♥, je t'♥!

Can you guess what this message is about?

exercise 4: writing







Given that he uses his ___ to

___ ___, ___ to friends, and

___ to ___, he hardly ever

gets any work done.

The following symbols are missing from the gaps above. Please fill in the blanks!

- | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 |  | → | chat | 4 |  | → | listen |
| 2 |  | → | watch | 5 |  | → | telly |
| 3 |  | → | computer | 6 |  | → | music |

exercise 5: writing

I am a happy duck. I've been
flying on Cloud 9 and I have
not come down yet.

Please translate as many words as possible into
PicLig symbols.

send a !



to

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key to the exercises

unit 1

exercise 1: < @, >, >, =, >, 3, >, l, - , l]

unit 3

exercise 2: heart, read, book, home, cut

exercise 4: Given that he uses his ☐ to ☞ ☞, ☞ to friends, and ☞ to ☞☞, he hardly ever gets any work done.

exercise 5: I am a ☞ ☞. I've been ☞ on ☞ 9 and I have not come ☞ yet.

☐, ▷] [bracketleft greater bracketright] **n mail, message, letter**; ➔ ☐, air mail;
 ✉, ☐, snail mail; junk ☐, junk mail; ♡ ☐, love letter; 2 leave a ☐, to leave a
 message; v 2 ☐; to send; 2 ☐ ←, to send back.

☐, []= [bracketleft bracketright equal bar] **n computer**; ☐ ☐, computer game;
 ☐ code, computer code; ☐ ☐, apple computer; ☐ virus, computer virus; 2 ♯
 something in2 the ☐, to feed something into the computer; ☐ ☐, computer
 nerd.

☐, [v] [bracketleft v bracketright] **n task**; ✕ly ☐, daily task. 2 take somebody 2
 ☐, to take somebody to task. **adj.** ☐; done; well ☐! well done.

☐, [+e] [bracketleft plus bracketright e] **n present, gift, box**; bday ☐, birthday
 present; v 2 make a ☐; to make a gift.

☐, [+] [bracketleft plus bracketright] **n first aid**.

☐, \ [C backslash parenright] **adj. forbidden**; ☐ ♡, forbidden love; 2 ☐, smoking
 forbidden; ☐ ☐s, forbidden thoughts; ☐ ☐, no parking.

☐, C= [C bar equal] **n light**; ray of ☐, ray of light. 2 throw ☐ on sth., to throw
 light on something. v 2 ☐; to light; 2 ☐ = a 2, to light a cigarette.

☐, \ [C bar parenright] **n burger**. ☐ ☐, fish burger; ☐ ☐, veggie burger; ☐
 ☐, chicken burger.

☐, c [c bracketleft bracketright] **n suitcase, travel**; live out of a ☐, live out of
 a suitcase; ☐ ☐, time travel. v 2 ☐; to travel.

☐, C< [C e less] **n game**. ☐ ☐, computer game; cat & ☐ ☐, cat and mouse
 game.

☐, C= [C equal] **n earphones**. v 2 ☐; to listen; ☐ing 2 my i-☐, listening to
 my iTunes.

☐, C) [C grave parenright] **n apple**. ☐ ☐, apple computer. ☐ ☐, apple tree.

☐, C- [C hyphen] **n power**; ☐ ☐, power cut; ☐ ☐, flower power; ☐ play, power

play; v 2 ☐; to power ; 2 ☐ ↑, to power up.

☐, Co) [C o parenright] **n cd**; ☐ player, cd player; 2 ✕ a ☐, to burn a cd.

☐, C([C parenleft] **n moon, night**; 2 promise so. the ☐, to promise someone the
 moon; 2 ✕ 4 the ☐, to shoot for the moon; over the ☐, over the moon; the ☐ in
 the ☐, the man in the moon; 1-☐ stand, one- night stand; ☐-☐, night-time; ☐
 ☐, hen night; ☐ & ☐, night and day; 1/2☐, half-moon; 2☐, tonight.

☐, C+) [C plus parenright] **n focus**; out of ☐, out of focus.

☐, cS) [c S parenright] **n shit**. ☐ happens! shit happens! ✕ ☐, hot shit; ☐ ☐ed,
 shit faced; v to shit. 2 ☐ bricks, 2 shit bricks.

☐, Cv) [C v parenright] **n clock, time**; around the ☐, around the clock; its ☐ of
 ☐, its a time of prosperity; ☐ is ↑, time is up; ☐ [], time frame; ☐ ☐, tea time;
 2 take some ☐ off, to take some time of; ☐ ☐, happy hour.

☐, d: [colon d one colon] **n leo**.

☐, : ([colon grave pareleft] **adj. crying**.

☐, -: [colon hyphen bar] **adj. moody**; 2 ☐ ☐, moody blues.

☐, :-D [colon hyphen D] **adj. laughing**; rolling on the floor ☐, rolling on the
 floor laughing. n ☐; laugh; 2B a good ☐, to be a good laugh.

☐, :D [colon J D colon] **n umbrella**.

☐, :-# [colon hyphen numbersign] **adj. secret**; top ☐, top secret.

☐, :-o [colon hyphen o] **adj. surprised**; ☐ ☐, surprised at; n ☐; surprise.

☐, :-p [colon hyphen p] **adj. cheeky**; ☐ brat, cheeky brat.

☐, :- ([colon hyphen parenleft] **adj. sad**; ☐ ☐, sad dog.

☐, :-) [colon hyphen parenright] **adj. happy**; ☐ ☐, happy hour; ☐ go ☐y, happy
 go lucky; ☐ b*, happy birthday.

⚭, :s [colon hyphen s] **adj. confused**; dazed & ⚭, dazed & confused. **v** 2 ⚭; to confuse.

mp, :mp: [colon m p colon] **n virgo**.

ω, :o3: [colon o three colon] **n arsehole**.

∅, :PP: [colon P P colon] **n aries**.

ζ, :76: [colon seven six colon] **n capricorn**.

⊖, :69: [colon six nine colon] **n cancer**.

ω, :3: [colon three colon] **n arse**; the ☼ shines out of sb's ω, the sun shines out of somebody's arse, pain in the ω, pain in the arse.

⌨, b~ [comma b tilde] **n mouse**. ☞ ⌨, computer mouse; ⌨ trap, mouse trap.

♯, d' [d grave] **n music**; ♯ ♯, house music.

♯, d-d [d hyphen d] **n tunes**; out of ♯, out of tune; loony ♯, loony tunes; i♯, iTunes.

☎, d)) [d parenright parenright] **n phone, call**; ☎---, phone line; wake-up ☎, wake-up call; **v** 2 ☎; to phone, to call; ☎ me! call me! 2 ☎ ☎, to call back.

Ⓜ, ei [e bar] **n paper clip, attachment**; **v** to attach; 2 Ⓜ a copy, to attach a copy; 2B Ⓜed 2 so, to be attached to someone.

Ⓜ, E| [E bar bracketright colon] **n bus**.

☞, 8-) [eight hyphen parenright] **n nerd**; ☞ ☞, computer nerd.

☘, 8j8 [eight j eight] **n clover leaf, luck**; good ☘! good luck! **adj** ☘☘; lucky; a ☘ of ☘ ♀, a packet of lucky strikes.

✂, 8< [eight less] **n scissors**; short ✂, short cut; **v** 2 ✂; to cut; 2B ✂ off, to be cut off; 2 ✂ U ↓ 2 size, to cut you down to size.

≡, =C|= [equal C bar equal] **n libra**.

☼, =o= [equal o equal] **n day, sun**; ☺ ☼, happy day; ☼ ☼☼, sun shades; ☼ ↑, ☼ ↓, sun rise, sundown; 2 ☺ away the ☼, to sleep away the day; 2☼, today.

Ⓜ, F_b [F underscore b] **n beer**; Ⓜ belly, beer belly.

Ⓜ, >[] [greater bracketleft bracketright] **n television**; on Ⓜ 2 Ⓜ, on telly tonight; 2 Ⓜ Ⓜ, to watch telly.

Ⓜ, >-| [greater colon hyphen bar] **n anger**; red with Ⓜ, red with anger. **adj.** Ⓜ☘; angry.

Ⓜ, >-> [greater hyphen greater hyphen] **n airplane, fly**; Ⓜ ☞, air mail; 2 do sth. on the Ⓜ, to do something on the fly. **v** 2 Ⓜ; to fly.

Ⓜ, >< [greater o less] **n sweet, adj.** ⓂⓂ; sweet; ⓂⓂ tooth, sweet tooth. ⓂⓂ ☞, sweet talk.

Ⓜ, -C| [hyphen C bar period] **n alarm**. Ⓜ ☞, alarm clock; 2 set off a Ⓜ Ⓜ, to set off a fire alarm. **v** 2 Ⓜ, to alarm.

∅, -E [hyphen E] **n fork**; ⓂⓂing ∅, tuning fork. **v** 2 ∅; to eat; ∅ ∅ ∅, dog eat dog.

→, -> [hyphen greater] **n right**; exclusive →, exclusive right. **adj.** →; right; → hand, right hand; all →, all right. **adv.** →; forward; 2 look →, to look forward. **v** 2 →; to forward; 2 → ☞, to forward mail.

Ⓜ, L/| [L slash bar] **n drink**; take a Ⓜ, take a drink; 2 knock ↓ a Ⓜ, to knock down a drink. **v** 2 Ⓜ; to drink; 2 Ⓜ ↓, to drink down; 2 Ⓜ the ≈s, to drink the waters; 2 Ⓜ like a ☘, to drink like a fish.

Ⓜ, <|) [less bar parenright parenright] **n sound**; the Ⓜ of Ⓜ, the sound of music.

Ⓜ, <[] [less bracketleft bracketright] **n house, home**; Ⓜ page, home page; Ⓜ ♯,

house music; ☿ S R on the ♁, drinks are on the house; ♁♁♁, dog house.

☉, <e> [less e parenright less] **n fish**; 2 have other ☉ 2 fry, to have other fish to fry, neither ☉ nor fowl, neither fish nor fowl. **v** 2 ☉; to fish; 2 ☉ 4 compliments, to fish for compliments.

←, <- [less hyphen] **adv. left**; ← handed, left handed.

☺, <-> [less hyphen greater] **n kiss**; **v** 2 ☺; to kiss.

♠, <+ [less plus bracketright] **n hospital**.

♥, <3 [less three] **n heart, love**; 2 know sth. off by ♥, to know something off by heart; my ♥, my love; lots of ♥, lots of love; **v** 2 ♥; to love; I ♥ U, I love you; I would ♥ 2, I would love to; ♥ me, ♥ my ♁, love me, love my dog.

♂, m) [m colon parenright] **n rabbit**.

♏, m-> [m hyphen greater] **n scorpion**.

☞, oF [o F] **n key**; ✂ ☞, hot key; ☞ word, key word; ☞ 2 my ♥, key to my heart. **v** 2 ☞; to lock.

☁, ☁) [O parenright] **n cloud**; under a ☁, under a cloud; on ☁ 9, on cloud 9; a ☁ of L, a cloud of smoke. **adj.** ☁y; cloudy; **v** 2 ☁; to cloud.

☂, ☂" [O parenright quotedbl] **n rain**; as → as ☂, as right as rain; **adj.** ☂y; rainy; **v** 2 ☂; to rain; it's ☂ cats & ♁s, it's raining cats and dogs; it's ☂ ♂, it's raining man.

♂, o-> [o hyphen greater] **n man**; it's a ♂ thing, it's a man thing; **adj.** ♂; male.

♀, o+ [o plus] **n woman**; ♀ of 1's ☿s, woman of one's dreams; **adj.** ♀; female.

☶, o> [o greater] **n ice**; 2 skate on thin ☶, to skate on thin ice; **adj.** ☶; cold.

♠, o/∞ [o slash backslash o] **n cherries**; 2 lose one's ♠, to lose one's cherries; ♠ ♣, cherry blossom; life is a bowl full of ♠, live is a bowl full of cherries.

☹, O-I [O hyphen bar] **n tree**; 2 ✂ ↓ a ☹, to cut down a tree.

♁, P'h [P grave h] **n dog**; ♁ ♁, sad dog; ♁ ♁ ♁, dog eat dog; ♁'s life, dogs life. ✂ ♁, hot dog.

⌂, ⌂) [parenleft bar bracketright colon] **n car**; ⌂ ≈, car wash.

☺, ⌂) [parenleft comma underscore parenright] **n chat**; 2B all ☺, to be all talk. **v** 2 ☺; to talk, to chat; 2 ☺ her ↑, to chat her up; ☺ ↑ ---, chat up line; 2 ☺ ☺, to talk shit.

☺, ⌂?) [parenleft comma underscore question parenright] **n question**; 2 pop a ☺, to pop a question; **v** 2 ☺; to ask; 2 ☺ 4 the ☺, to ask for the moon; 2 ☺ 4 a favor, to ask for a favour.

♁, ⌂-> [parenleft parenleft hyphen parenright parenright] **n globe, world**; ⌂ ☺, global language. ⌂wide, worldwide.

☹, ⌂) [parenleft parenleft period parenright parenright] **n signal**; sorry, no ☹, sorry, no signal.

♁, ⌂< [parenleft period bracketright less] **n train**; in ☺ 2 catch the ♁, in time to catch the train; 2 lose my ♁ of ☺s, to lose my train of thought.

♁, ⌂_ [parenleft period parenright underscore] **n match**; **v** 2 ♁_ up; to light up; **adj.** ♁_ing; burning; the ♁_ ☺, the burning question; my ears were ♁_, my ears were burning.

♁, ⌂- [parenright hyphen parenleft] **n pisces**.

♁, ⌂) [parenright o] **n taurus**.

♁, ⌂_ [period g period grave] **n shopping cart**; **v** 2 ♁; to shop; window ♁, window shopping; ♁ly ♁, daily shopping; ♁ ♁, shopping street; ♁ until U drop! shop until you drop!

☺, ⌂) [period period parenleft underscore parenright] **n thoughts, mind**; 2

keep it in ☐, to keep it in mind. v 2 ☐; to think; 2 ☐ outside the ☐, to think outside the box; I can't ☐ straight, I can't think straight; ☐ tank, think tank; I ☐ he's out of the ☐☐☐s now, I think he's out of the woods now.

Δ, +◁ [plus less bracketright] **n church**.

†, +- [plus hyphen] **n cross**; v 2 †; to cross, fingers †ed! fingers crossed! I † my ♥, I cross my heart.

♈, +-> [plus hyphen greater] **n sagittarius**.

⚓, +) [plus parenright] **n anchor, hope**; †, ♥ & ⚓, belief, love and hope.

☞, s() [s O parenright] **n thunder**; 2 steal so's ☞, to steal someone's thunder.

∴, -> [semicolon hyphen parenright] **n wink**; v 2 ∴; to wink.

☞, :D= [semicolon D equal bar] **n chicken**; ☞s on speed, chicks on speed; ☞ flick, chick flick; ☞ ☞, hens night.

6θ, 6-6 [six hyphen six] **n glasses, shades**; 2 look through rose-coloured 6θs, to look through rose-colored glasses; 2 keep the 6θs on, to keep the shades on; ☞ 6θ, beer goggles. v 2 6θ; to read, to watch; 2 6θ ☞, to watch television.

/\, /\ [slash bar backslash] **n street**; /\ life, street life; /\wise, streetwise.

☐, ~b [tilde b] **n coffee, tea**; not my cup of ☐, not my cup of tea.

⋮, ~| [tilde bar] **n cigarette, smoke**; ☞ of ⋮, clouds of smoke. v 2 ⋮, to smoke.

⚭, ~□ [tilde bracketleft bracketright] **n candle**; ⚭ dinner, candlelight dinner.

≈, ~~ [tilde tilde] **n aquarius, water, sea**; ☼ & ≈, sun and sea.

⚡, ~X [tilde X] **n fire**; 2B on ⚡, to be on fire; ☞ my ⚡! light my fire! v 2 ⚡; to burn; 2 ⚡ out, to burn out.

↓, v| [v bar] **adj. down**; v 2 ↓; to down; 2 ↓ a ☼, to down a drink.



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