Moodle 3.8: Emoji Picker
This refers to Moodle 3.8 from July 2020 onward

Moodle now supports the use of emojis. You can use them wherever you find the Atto text editor.
To begin, click the Show More Buttons icon (downward arrow) and select the emoji picker (smiley face).

The emoji picker is similar to those found on a mobile phone.
You can scroll through the entire list using the vertical sidebar or you jump to a category using the icons at the top.
The Clock icon to the shows your recent picks.

Clicking on an emoji will embed it. They are embedded one at a time and can deleted like any other text.
The passage experienced a surge in popularity during the 1960s when Letraset used it on their sheets. In the 1990s as desktop publishers bundled the text with their software. Today it's seen all around the world.