

Proposal for Emoji: Anvil

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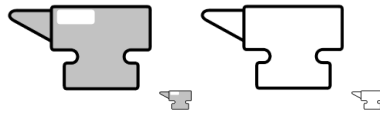
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1. Identification: anvil

- a. **Keywords:** heavy, weight, metal, blacksmith, metalwork
- b. **Category:** Objects > Tools

2. Images:

a. Color and black&white example images



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3. Factors for Inclusion

a. Expresses multiple concepts: Yes

- i. Represents the idea of "heavy things"
 - 1. In contrast with "light things" like feather 🪶
 - 2. Other heavy things are not specifically heavy, but an anvil is very associated with the idea of heavy
 - a. Other heavy things include whale 🐳 elephant 🐘 person lifting weights 🏋️ filing cabinet 🗄️
- ii. Represents the idea of "accidents": anvils are used extensively in cartoon media as falling objects
- iii. Represents "repair", as anvils are used to repair metalwork
- iv. Can be used to illustrate the idea of "dropping a bombshell"

b. Can be used with other emoji to convey additional concepts: Yes

- i. Can be combined with person and a Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ) to create "blacksmith" job
- ii. Can be combined with any emoji and a Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ) to create a "squished" version of that emoji
 - 1. compression 🗳️ could also be used for this
- iii. Can be used with the cloud ☁️ emoji to represent "anvil clouds" ²

c. Breaks new ground: Yes

- i. Some tool emoji exist but there is nothing for blacksmithing, which is important in every culture. Existing tool emoji include:
 - 1. hocho (Japanese kitchen knife) 🗡️ hammer 🛠️ wrench 🗜️ nut and bolt 🛡️
 - 2. hammer and pick 🛠️ pick 🪓 hammer and wrench 🛠️ toolbox 🧰 screwdriver 🔩 carpentry saw 🪚
- ii. There is no emoji to broadly represent metalwork. Related emoji include:
 - 1. gear ⚙️ chains ⚙️ old key 🗝️

¹ <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/deed.en>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumulonimbus_incus

iii. Anvils are important historical devices for a metalworking society. Other related historical devices include:

1. scales  alembic 

d. Is legible and visually distinctive: Yes

- i. There are many different shapes and types of anvil. The shape proposed by this document is representative of a whole class of anvils.
- ii. The anvil shape is recognisable as it is used throughout media - like children's cartoons - without prior explanation

e. Completes an incomplete category: N/A

f. Is needed for compatibility with popular existing systems: N/A

g. Has a high usage level

i. In popular culture

1. Anvils are referenced often in TV shows, such as "Where did all the Anvils go?" from "Gilmore Girls"³⁴
2. From Wikipedia⁵: "A typical [...] anvil [...] is a standard prop for cartoon gags, as the epitome of a heavy and clumsy object that is perfect for dropping onto an antagonist. This visual metaphor is common, for example, in Warner Brothers' *Looney Tunes* and *Merrie Melodies* shorts, such as those with Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner."

ii. In video games

Anvils are incredibly pervasive throughout video games.

A few examples include:

Minecraft⁶ - Terraria⁷ - Starbound⁸ - Valheim⁹ - V-Rising¹⁰ - World of Warcraft¹¹ - Runescape¹² - The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim¹³ - Roblox Islands¹⁴ - Stardew Valley¹⁵ - Sun Haven¹⁶ - Nightingale¹⁷ - Dwarf Fortress¹⁸ - Wizard101¹⁹ - ARK: Survival Evolved²⁰ - Eco²¹ - Muck²² - Core Keeper²³ - Necesses²⁴ - Northwind²⁵ - Dragon Quest Builders 2²⁶ - Guild Wars 2²⁷ - Dead Poly²⁸ - Divinity: Original Sin²⁹ - Colony Survival³⁰

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKyKppdysh8>

⁴ <https://annotatedgilmoregirls.com/2018/02/06/anvil/>

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anvil#Television_and_film

⁶ <https://minecraft.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

⁷ <https://terraria.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

⁸ <https://starbounder.org/Anvil>

⁹ https://valheim-wiki.com/Smith's_anvil

¹⁰ https://vrising.gaming.tools/workstations/tm_craftingstation_anvil

¹¹ <https://www.wowhead.com/object=192628/anvil>

¹² <https://runescape.wiki/w/Anvil>

¹³ [https://elderscrolls.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil_\(Smithing\)](https://elderscrolls.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil_(Smithing))

¹⁴ <https://robloxislands.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

¹⁵ <https://stardewvalleywiki.com/Anvil>

¹⁶ <https://sunhaven.wiki.gg/wiki/Anvil>

¹⁷ <https://nightingale-labs.com/nightingale/structures/anvil/>

¹⁸ <https://dwarf fortress wiki.org/index.php/DF2014:Anvil>

¹⁹ <https://wizard101.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

²⁰ <https://ark.fandom.com/wiki/Smithy>

²¹ <https://wiki.play.eco/en/Anvil>

²² <https://muck.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

²³ <https://core-keeper.fandom.com/wiki/Anvils>

²⁴ https://necesses wiki.com/Iron_Anvil

²⁵ <https://northwinds.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

²⁶ <https://dqb-2.fandom.com/wiki/Anvil>

²⁷ <https://wiki.guildwars2.com/wiki/Anvil>

²⁸ <https://deadpolygame.fandom.com/wiki/Crafting>

²⁹ <https://divinityoriginalsin.wiki.fextralife.com/Anvil>

³⁰ https://colony survival.fandom.com/wiki/Bronze_Anvil

iii. As audio

1. The anvil "clang" sound effect is used and distributed extensively (see soundboards: pixabay³¹, myinstants³², pond5³³, deadsounds³⁴)
2. From Wikipedia³⁵: "Anvils have been used as percussion instruments in several famous musical compositions, including [28 items]"

iv. In tradition

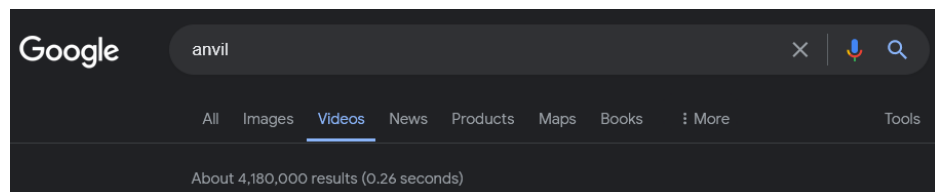
For example, anvils have a high historical importance in Gretna Green³⁶ in Scotland, where they have become symbols of weddings, and priests there referred to as "anvil priests"

v. Search Frequency

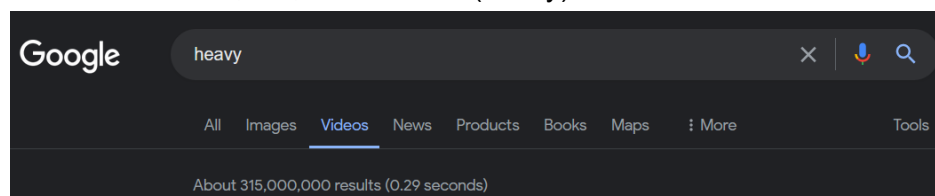
For all trend results, the search for "heavy" is also included, as it is deemed a relevant search term related to the anvil.

1. Google Video Search:

About 4,180,000 results³⁷ (anvil)

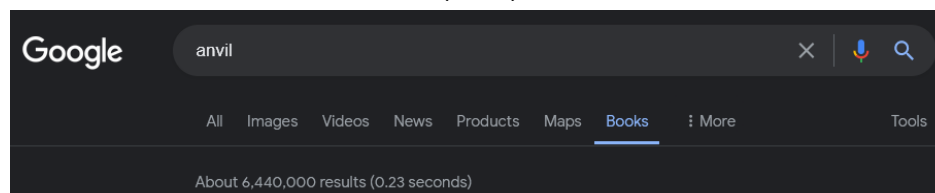


About 315,000,000 results³⁸ (heavy)

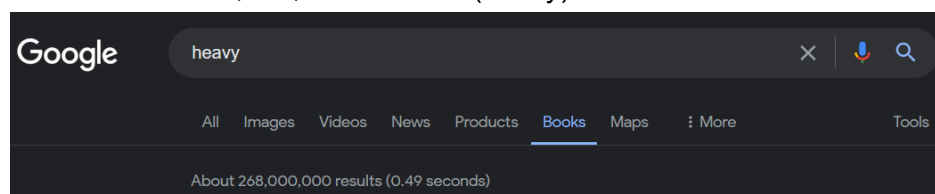


2. Google Books:

About 6,440,000 results³⁹ (anvil)



About 268,000,000 results⁴⁰ (heavy)



³¹ <https://pixabay.com/sound-effects/search/anvil/>

³² <https://www.myinstants.com/en/search/?name=anvil>

³³ <https://www.pond5.com/search?kw=anvil&media=sfx>

³⁴ <https://deadsounds.com/anvil-sound-effects>

³⁵ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anvil#Music>

³⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gretna_Green

³⁷ <https://www.google.com/search?tbm=vid&q=anvil>

³⁸ <https://www.google.com/search?tbm=vid&q=heavy>

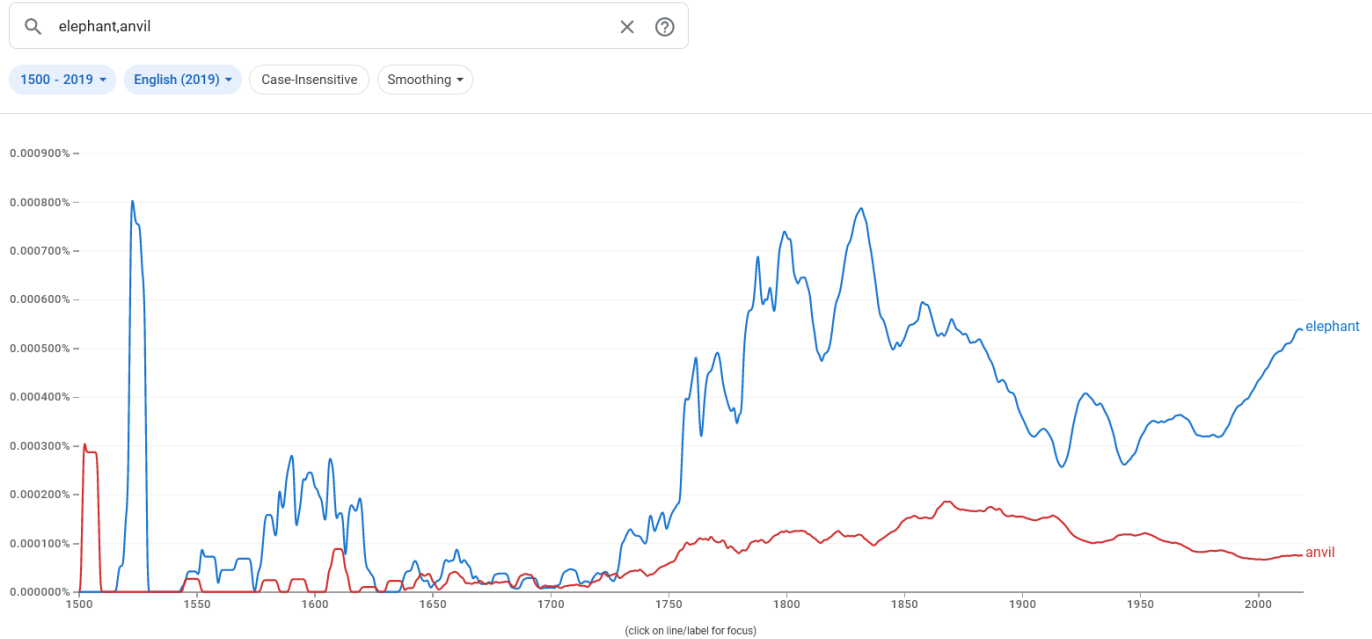
³⁹ <https://www.google.com/search?tbm=bks&q=anvil>

⁴⁰ <https://www.google.com/search?tbm=bks&q=heavy>

3. Google Books Ngram Viewer:

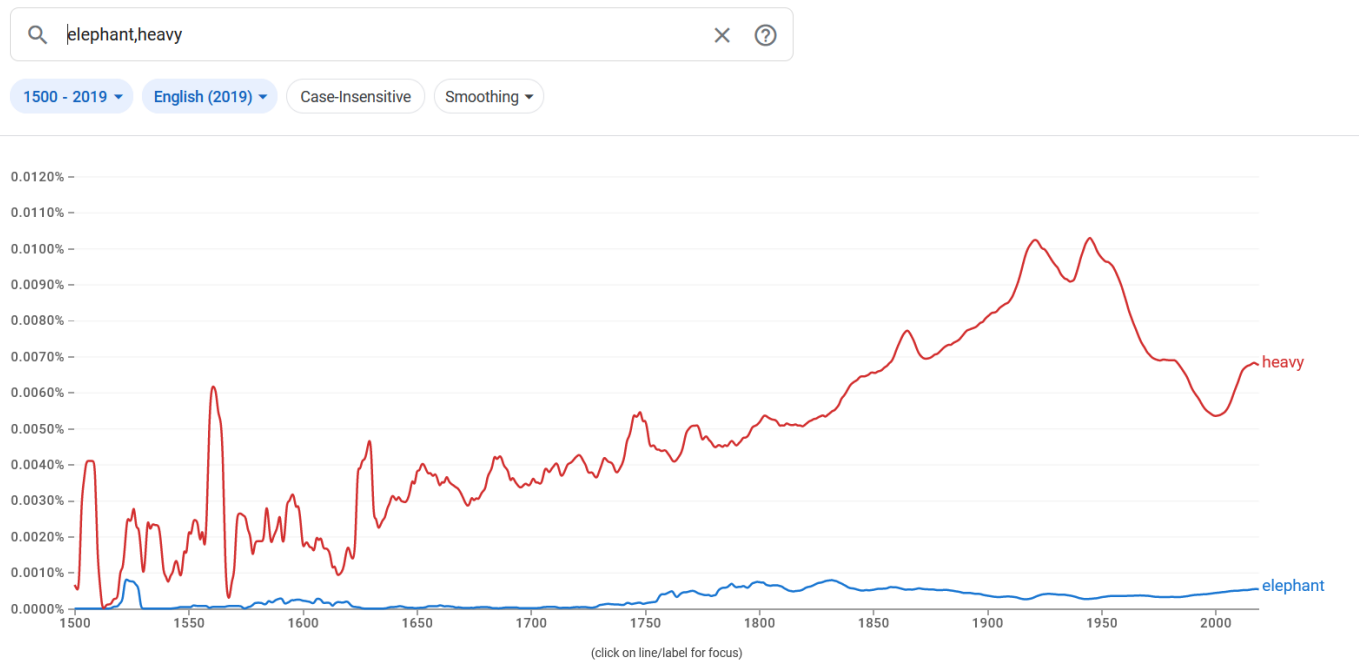
For Anvil⁴¹

Google Books Ngram Viewer



For Heavy⁴²

Google Books Ngram Viewer



4. Google Trends: Web Search

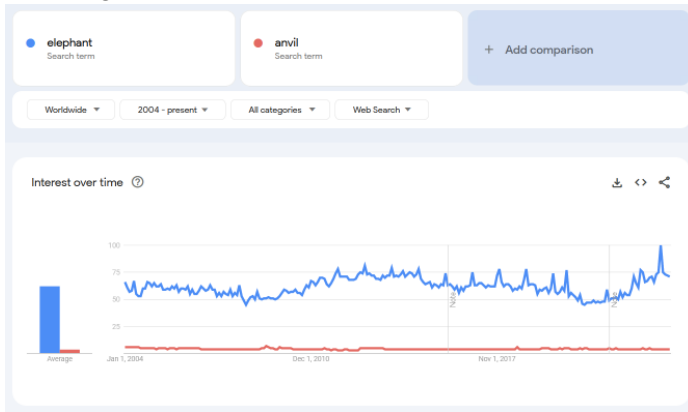
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https://books.google.com/ngrams/graph?content=elephant%2Canvil&year_start=1500&year_end=2019&corpus=en-2019

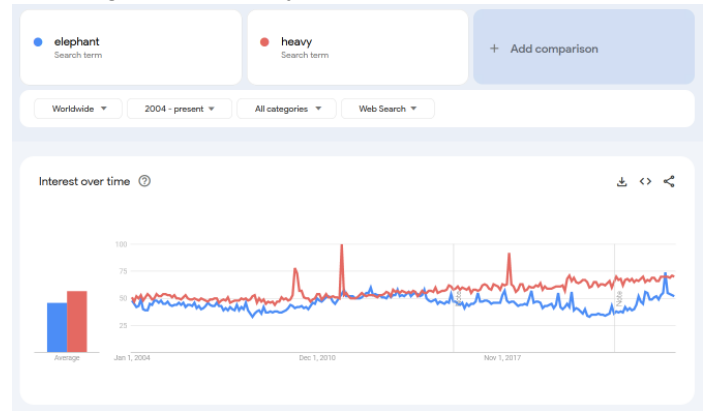
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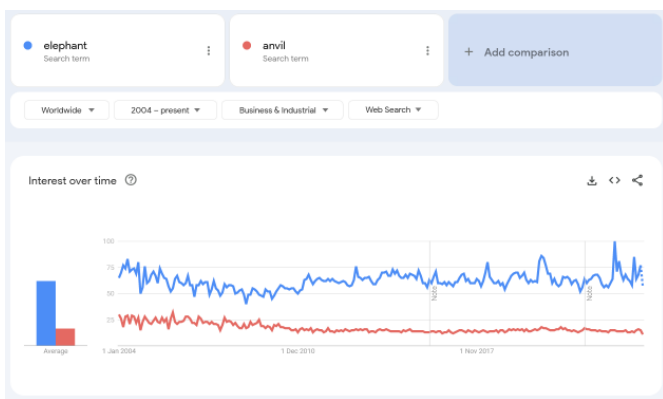
All categories⁴³ (anvil)



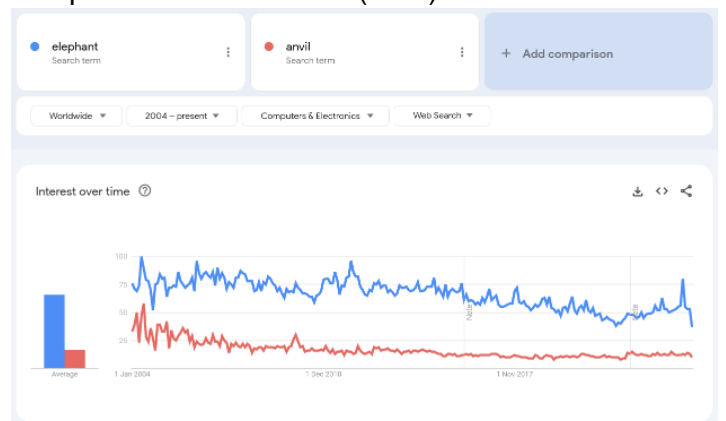
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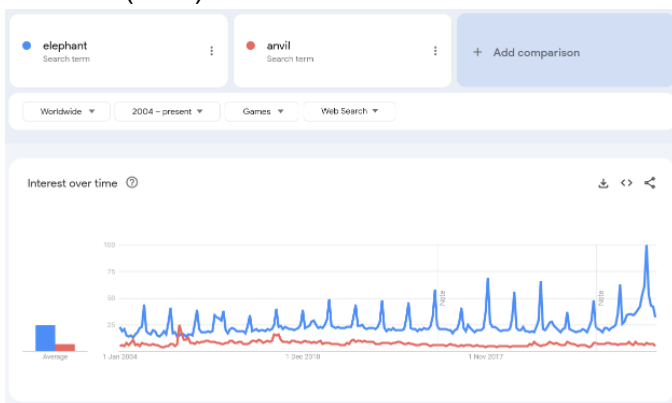
Business & Industrial⁴⁵ (anvil)



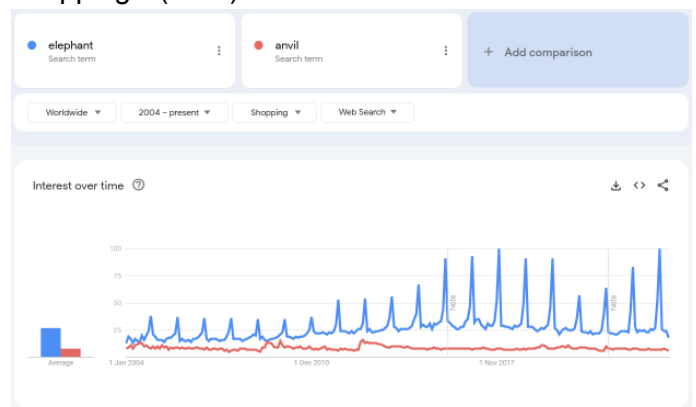
Computers & Electronics⁴⁶ (anvil)



Games⁴⁷ (anvil)



Shopping⁴⁸ (anvil)



5. Google Trends: Image Search

⁴³ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all&q=elephant.anvil>

⁴⁴ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all&q=elephant.heavy>

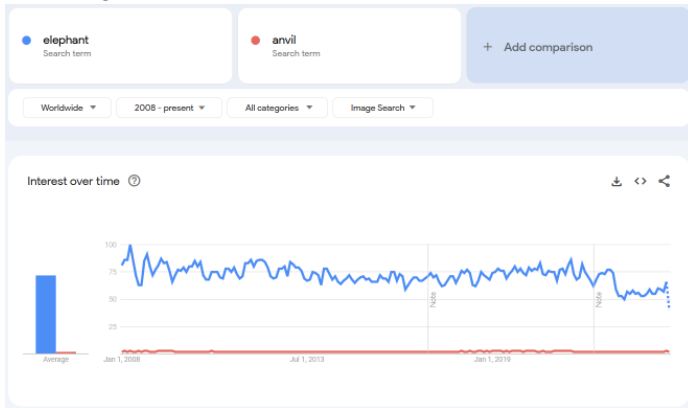
⁴⁵ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=12&date=all&q=elephant.anvil>

⁴⁶ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=5&date=all&q=elephant.anvil>

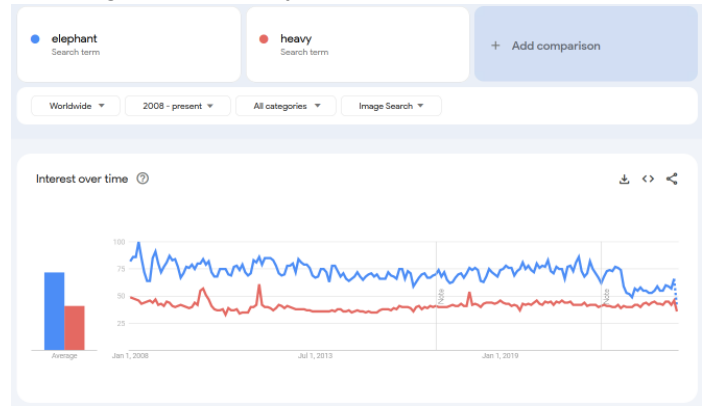
⁴⁷ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=8&date=all&q=elephant.anvil>

⁴⁸ <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=18&date=all&q=elephant.anvil>

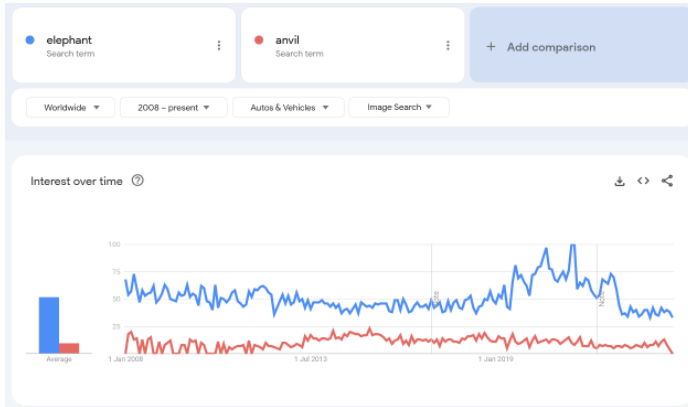
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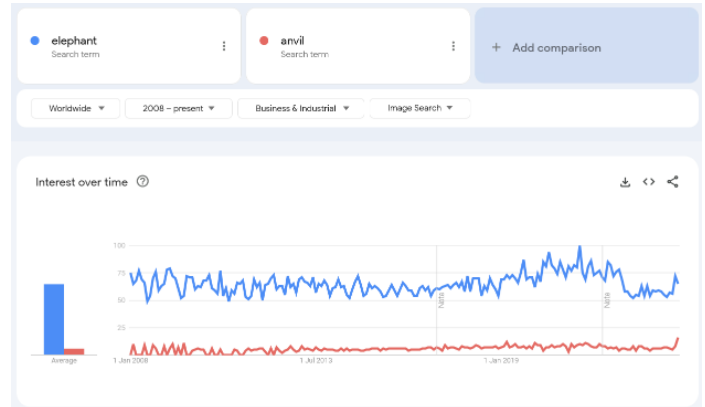
All categories⁵⁰ (heavy)



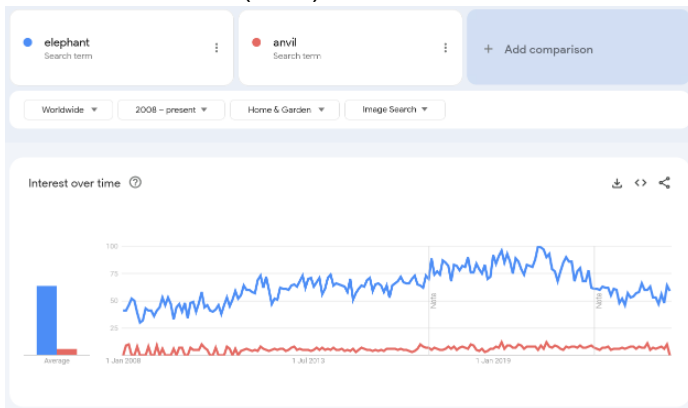
Autos & Vehicles⁵¹ (anvil)



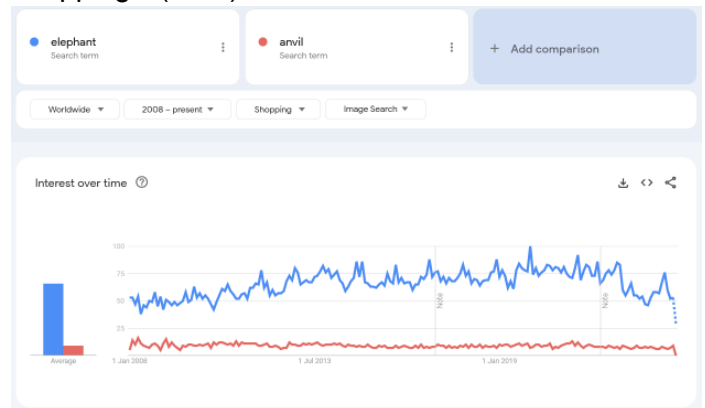
Business & Industrial⁵² (anvil)



Home & Garden⁵³ (anvil)



Shopping⁵⁴ (anvil)



⁴⁹ https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.anvil

⁵⁰ https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.heavy

⁵¹ https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=47&date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.anvil

⁵² https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=12&date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.anvil

⁵³ https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=11&date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.anvil

⁵⁴ https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?cat=18&date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant.anvil

4. Factors for Exclusion

a. Already represented: No

- i. Other heavy things are not specifically heavy, but an anvil is very associated with the idea of heavy. Other heavy things include:

1. whale 🐳 elephant 🐘 person lifting weights 🏋️ filing cabinet 🗄️

b. Overly specific: No

- i. Some tool emoji exist but there is nothing for blacksmithing, which is important in every culture. Existing tool emoji include:

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c. Open-ended: No

- i. Anvils may look different to one another, but are overall a unique object.

d. Transient: No

- i. Anvils have existed for thousands of years in every culture involving metalworking.

e. Justified by an existing emoji: N/A

5. Other information: N/A

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