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a·poth·e·car·y  (ə-pŏth ĭ-kĕr'ē)

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n. pl. a·poth·e·car·ies

1. One that prepares and sells drugs and other medicines; a pharmacist.
2. See [pharmacy](#).

[Middle English *apotecarie*, from Old French *apotecaire* and from Medieval Latin *apothēcārius*, both from Late Latin, clerk, from Latin *apothēca*, storehouse, from Greek *apothēkē* : *apo-*, away; see [APO-](#) + *thēkē*, receptacle; see [dhē-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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