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n.

1.

a. A small retail shop that specializes in gifts, fashionable clothes, accessories, or food, for example.

b. A small shop located within a large department store or supermarket.

2. A small business offering specialized products and services: *an investment boutique; a health-care boutique.*

[French, from Old French *botique*, small shop, from Old Provençal *botica*, from Latin *apothēca*, storehouse; see [APOTHECARY](#).]

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