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adj.

Characterized by gracious consideration toward others. See Synonyms at [polite](#).

[Middle English *corteis*, courtly, from Old French, from *cort*, court; see [COURT](#).]

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