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curt·sy or **curt·sey**  (kûrt sē)

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n. pl. **curt·sies** or **curt·seys**

A gesture of respect or reverence made chiefly by women by bending the knees with one foot forward and lowering the body.

intr.v. **curt·sied**, **curt·sy·ing**, **curt·sies** or **curt·seyed** or **curt·sey·ing** or **curt·seys**

To make a curtsy.

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