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hy·poc·o·rism  (hī-pŏk ə-rīz'əm, hī'pə-kôr ız'əm)

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n.

1. A name of endearment; a pet name.
2. The use of such names.

[Late Latin *hypocorisma*, from Greek *hupokorisma*, from *hupokorizesthai*, to call by endearing names : *hupo-*, beneath, secretly; see [HYPO-](#) + *korizesthai*, to caress (from *koros*, boy or *korē*, girl; see **ker-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

hy'po·co·ris tic (hī'pə-kə-rīs tīk) *adj.* & *n.*

hy'po·co·ris ti·cal·ly *adv.*

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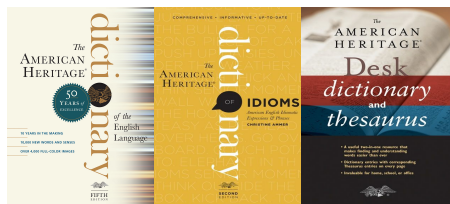
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