

coy[kɔɪ] *a*

- 1) застенчивый, скромный (*особ. о девушке*)
- 2) жеманный; прикидывающийся скромным
2. *арх.* уединённый и недоступный (*о месте*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

coy [kɔɪ kɔɪər kɔɪəst] *BrE* [kɔɪ] ^m *NAmE* [kɔɪ] ^m **adjective**

1. shy or pretending to be shy and innocent, especially about love or sex, and sometimes in order to make people more interested in you

- She gave me a coy smile.

2. ~ **(about sth)** not willing to give information about sth, or answer questions that tell people too much about you

Syn: ↑reticent

- She was a little coy about how much her dress cost.
- The company is coy about revealing its profits.

Derived Words ↑coily ▪ ↑coyness

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *coi*, *quei*, from Latin *quietus* 'repose, quiet'. The original sense was 'quiet, still' (especially in behaviour), later 'modestly retiring', and hence (of a woman) 'affecting to be unresponsive to advances'.

Example Bank:

- He went all coy when I mentioned her name.
- She gave him a rather coy look.

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coy /kɔɪ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *coi* 'calm', from Latin *quietus* 'quiet']

1. shy or pretending to be shy in order to attract people's interest:

- She gave him a coy smile.

2. unwilling to give information about something **OPP** open

coy about

- Tania was always coy about her age.

—**coily** *adverb*

—**coyness** *noun* [uncountable]

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