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Definition of *my*

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1 : of or relating to me or myself especially as possessor, agent, object of an action, or familiar person my carmy injuriesmy man

2 —used interjectionally to express surprise and sometimes reduplicated my oh my —used also interjectionally with names of various parts of the body to express doubt or disapproval my footMy eye!

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
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Adjective

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Adjective

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