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Definition

A rhetorical device in which the communicator intentionally uses language that minimizes, devalues, or belittles a person, object, or idea to make it seem less significant, impressive, or worthy.^[1]

Example

أعيش في كوخ في الريف.

I live in a hut in the countryside.

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References

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