



Remember when...? – Nickname

Description

As some of you might know, my first name is Carole. Unlike other names, there isn't an obvious nickname associated with it. It is not like Robert that becomes Bob, or Stephanie that can be shortened to Steph. My mom always disliked nicknames so she chose my name so it was not automatic. Yet, one neighbour found one for me.

Casserole

Although it is definitely not a shortening of my name, that neighbour used to call me "Casserole" (which is French for a cooking pot). It annoyed me but I came to live with it. He was the only one calling me like that, and since I was not necessarily meeting him every day, it was ok.

Why?

Considering that "Casserole" was the name for an object, it puzzled me why he picked that word to nickname me. So one day, I asked him: "Why do you call me 'Casserole'?" His answer was the most unexpected one: "Because I cannot say 'Carole'." WHAT??? But you just said it!!

Finally

I think that it was not long after he told me that he could not say my name, that he stopped using that nickname for me.

How about you? Did you have a nickname when you were kids (or maybe still have one)? Any nickname that you liked or disliked? Would you remember about a relative or a friend who had a particular nickname? Share your story about them. It can be a long or a short story, but we are all curious!

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