

'Quota' (pub. 24.09.14-19:05). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-collections-r-0>.

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**Term:** Quota

**Quote:** A *quota* (which, it is to be remembered, is, in English, a noun in the singular) is an object of experience which seems to be a collection, although it may not be easy precisely to state what the determining description is.

The difference between a collection and a quota is, then, merely that a collection is an *ens rationis*, a creation of logic which retains its nature as a collection just the same whether it exists or not; while a quota is an object of experience whose existence is indubitable, and however perfect may be our assurance that it is a complete collection, yet it is not the fact that it really is so, but the fact that it appears to be so which makes it a quota.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (nd). *On Collections [R]*. MS [R] 32.

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