Term: Thirdness
Quote: This element of our daily & hourly experience, the element of the conformity of fact to thought, - this element whose being such as it is consists in this that it has such reference to an object independent of it as to bring a third thing (the interpretation) into the same triadic relation to that same object, - this character of a sign, the being an exponent of thought, is what I call the element of Thirdness in the phenomenon.

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