

'Proposition' (pub. 05.03.18-16:20). 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-existential-graphs-4>.

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**Term:** Proposition

**Quote:** A *proposition* is a symbol in which the representative element, or reason, is left vague and unexpressed, but in which the reactive element is distinctly indicated. In driving along the road with a compaignon, he points at a house and remarks, "That is a pretty house." It is a proposition. But I make a voyage to a distant island and repeat the remark, "That is a pretty house." "What house," asks my interlocutor. "Oh, a house far way." He will be right in telling me that I do not enunciate anything at all, because I do not indicate what I am talking about.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1898). *On Existential Graphs*. MS [R] 484.

**References:** MS [R] 484:7-8

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