

'Natural Kind' (pub. 07.03.16-14:50). 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-fourth-curiosity-20>.

Term: Natural Kind

Quote: If two kinds, A and B, are so related that of whatever singulars A could possibly be true, B would necessarily also be true, then A is said to *involve* B.

This necessity may be of any of the modes of necessity. In particular, if A involves B because of the definitions, or very ideas, of the two kinds, A is said *essentially to involve*, or, in other words, to *imply* B. A kind all whose singulars seem, according to experience, normally to belong to other kinds not implied in the former kind, is called (especially if the other kinds are numerous) a *natural* kind.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1907). *The Fourth Curiosity*. MS [R] 200.

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