

'Symbol' (pub. 05.05.13-11:19). 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-grand-logic-1893-art-reasoning-chapter-ii-what-sign-0>.

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**Term:** Symbol

**Quote:** The word *symbol* has so many meanings that it would be an injury to the language to add a new one. I do not think that the signification I attach to it, that of a conventional sign, or one depending upon habit (acquired or inborn), is so much a new meaning as a return to the original meaning. [—]

The symbol is connected with its object by virtue of the idea of the symbol-using mind, without which no such connection would exist.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1894). *The Art of Reasoning. Chapter II. What is a Sign?*. MS [R] 404; MS [R] 1009.

**References:** EP 2:9

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