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**Term:** Habit

**Quote:** ...what a thing means is simply what habits it involves. Now, the identity of a habit depends on how it might lead us to act, not merely under such circumstances as are likely to arise, but under such as might possibly occur, no matter how improbable they may be. What the habit is depends on *when* and *how* it causes us to act. As for the *when*, every stimulus to action is derived from perception; as for the *how*, every purpose of action is to produce some sensible result.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1878). How to Make Our Ideas Clear. *Popular Science Monthly*, 12, 286-302.

**References:** W 3:265; CP 5.400

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