

'Categories' (pub. 05.01.13-19:11). 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-new-list-categories-0>.

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**Term:** Categories

**Quote:** §1. This paper is based upon the theory already established, that the function of conceptions is to reduce the manifold of sensuous impressions to unity, and that the validity of a conception consists in the impossibility of reducing the content of consciousness to unity without the introduction of it.

§2. This theory gives rise to a conception of gradation among those conceptions which are universal. For one such conception may unite the manifold of sense and yet another may be required to unite the conception and the manifold to which it is applied; and so on.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1867). On a New List of Categories. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, 7, 287-298.

**References:** W 2:49; CP 1.545-6

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