**Term:** Sign  
**Quote:** I am now prepared to risk an attempt at defining a sign, - since in scientific inquiry, as in other enterprises, the maxim holds, *Nothing hazard, nothing gain.* I will say that a sign is anything, of whatsoever mode of being, which mediates between an object and an interpretant; since it is both determined by the object *relatively to the interpretant,* and determines the interpretant *in reference to the object,* in such wise as to cause the interpretant to be determined by the object through the mediation of this “sign.”

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1907). *Pragmatism.* MS [R] 318.

**References:** EP 2:410

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