

'Interpretant' (pub. 14.10.15-19:22). 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-pragmatism-68>.

---

**Term:** Interpretant

**Quote:** I pass now to the [...] essential ingredient of the interpreter, or as I prefer to call it, the *interpretant*. I might call it the Meaning, since it includes all that the sign really does convey to the interpreter, its entire essential influence, in its capacity as sign. But I prefer, for the present, to use the word "meaning," - until I can consult the more delicate apprehension of Lady Welby, - for the entire significance the sign conveys, object and interpretant *in transiter* together, securely boxed up in the sign for delivery. The interpretant is merely so much as the sign itself determines in the interpreter's mind.

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

**References:** MS [R] 318:37-8

**Date of** 1907

**Quote:**

**URL:** <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-pragmatism-68>