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**Term:** Selective

**Quote:** The first time one hears a Proper Name pronounced, it is but a name, predicated, as one usually gathers, of an existent, or at least historically existent, individual object, of which, or of whom, one almost always gathers some additional information. The next time one hears the name, it is by so much the more definite; and almost every time one hears the name, one gains in familiarity with the object. A Selective is a Proper Name met with by the Interpreter for the first time.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1906). Prolegomena to an Apology for Pragmatism. *The Monist*, 16, 492-546.

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