

'Relative' (pub. 11.09.14-12:40). 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-relatives-1>.

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**Term:** Relative

**Quote:** If from any proposition having more than one subject (used to include "objects") we strike out the indices of the subjects, as in "- praises - to -," "- dat in matrimonium -," what remains and requires at least two insertions of subject-nouns to make a proposition is a "relative term," or "*relative rhema*," called briefly a "relative." The relative may be converted into a complete assertion by filling up the blanks with proper names or abstract nouns; this serves as a criterion.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). Relatives. In J. M. Baldwin (Ed.), *Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology, Vol. II* (pp. 447-450). London: Macmillan and Co.

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