**Term:** Icon  

**Quote:** ... I had observed that the most frequently useful division of signs is by trichotomy into firstly Likenesses, or, as I prefer to say, *Icons*, which serve to represent their objects only in so far as they resemble them in themselves; secondly, *Indices*, which represent their objects independently of any resemblance to them, only by virtue of real connections with them, and thirdly *Symbols*, which represent their objects, independently alike of any resemblance or any real connection, because dispositions or factitious habits of their interpreters insure their being so understood.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1911 [c.]). *A Sketch of Logical Critics*. MS [R] 675.

**References:** EP 2:460-461

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