

'Real' (pub. 11.09.14-13:03). 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-theory-multitude>.

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**Term:** Real

**Quote:** The reality of a thing consists in its retaining its own characters quite independently of whatever opinion or fancy you or I or any man or generation of men may entertain about it. Reality has its grades. Any object which maintains its characters with sufficient steadiness to make one proposition false and another true has sufficient reality for the purposes of the mathematician.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903 [c.]). *The Theory of Multitude*. MS [R] 24.

**References:** MS [R] 24:2-3

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