

'Token [as General Sign]' (pub. 21.10.15-10:52). 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-elementary-account-logic-relatives>.

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**Term:** Token [as General Sign]

**Quote:** Signs, or representations, are of three kinds: Icons, Indices, and Tokens. The token represents its object in consequence of a mental association, and depends upon a habit. Such signs are abstract and general, because habits are general rules to which the organism has become subjected. They are, for the most part, conventional and arbitrary. All common nouns are tokens. Indeed, all words, insofar as they are conventional, partake of this character.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1886). *An Elementary Account of the Logic of Relatives*. MS [R] 537; MS [W] 585.

**References:** W 5:379

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