

'Presumption [as a form of reasoning]' (pub. 02.01.13-18:48). 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-grand-logic-1893-division-ii-methodology-chapter-xv-breadth-and-depth>.

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**Term:** Presumption [as a form of reasoning]

**Quote:** An imaginary increase of information is an *assumption* or *supposition*; but the former word is preferable. An increase of information by induction, hypothesis, or analogy, is a *presumption*. (A *legal presumption* is a presumption which follows an accepted rule of the courts, irrespective of the dictates of good sense.) A very weak presumption is a *guess*. A presumption opposed to direct testimony is a *conjecture*, or, if weak, a *surmise*.

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