

'Abduction' (pub. 04.01.13-18:30). 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-pap-ed>.

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**Term:** Abduction

**Quote:** Let us now consider non-necessary reasoning. This divides itself, according to the different ways in which it may be valid, into three classes: probable deduction; experimental reasoning, which I now call Induction; and processes of thought capable of producing no conclusion more definite than a conjecture, which I now call Abduction.

[—]

Abduction is no more nor less than guessing, a faculty attributed to Yankees.

[—] Such validity as this has consists in the generalization that no new truth is ever otherwise reached while some new truths are thus reached. This is a result of Induction; and therefore in a remote way Abduction rests upon diagrammatic reasoning.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1906-7). *PAP [ed.]*. MS [R] 293.

**References:** NEM 4:319-320

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