

'Abduction' (pub. 11.06.14-18:11). 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-prolegomena-apology-pragmatism-26>.

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**Term:** Abduction

**Quote:** Abduction, in the sense I give the word, is any reasoning of a large class of which the provisional adoption of an explanatory hypothesis is the type. But it includes processes of thought which lead only to the suggestion of questions to be considered, and includes much besides.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1906). Prolegomena to an Apology for Pragmatism. *The Monist*, 16, 492-546.

**References:** CP 4.541 n1

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