A "Sign" is an expression of something which was in addition to the object itself. Such an object may have properties which a sign may have in addition to the object itself. A sign may be a symbol, a word, a picture, or any other object which is capable of producing an effect in the mind of another person. This effect may be directly perceived or it may be inferred from other signs or symbols. The sign itself is the object which is being referred to, while the interpretation of the sign is the process by which the sign is understood. The sign must be recognized as such in order to be understood. The interpretation of a sign may be subjective or objective. The subjective interpretation is based on the individual's own experience and understanding, while the objective interpretation is based on the common understanding of the sign. In either case, the interpretation of a sign is important in understanding the relationship between the sign and the object it represents.