





subjectively

objectively



product

product





empathy

OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE MEANING

- Anything produced can be interpreted both **objectively** — what is the thing itself? — and **subjectively** — what was the intention of the maker in expressing that thing?
- An objective interpretation, by contrast, only focuses on the **product**.
- Only the interpreter's meaning-context (subjective) matters here.
- Schütz is careful to insist that he's not talking about **empathy** here, because we cannot truly place ourselves in the other person's shoes; we can only interpret their experience using our own raw material.

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