

Kids question and answers-worksheets

I wonder what “Playing opossum” means...

It comes from the habit of the animal called an opossum. The opossum falls over and fakes being dead when danger is near, hoping the threat will leave it alone. “Playing opossum” means playing dead.

I wonder why X means so many...

X is a letter in alphabets. But it is also the number 10 in Roman numerals. X can stand for an amount that isn't known, or a word, or a name. It can also be warning. X is the symbol for mortification. X can mark a location on a map. An X sign above a highway tells you that a certain driving lane is closed. It can also tell you that a railroad crossing is ahead. X is used in the game of tic-tac-toe. And, as if these weren't enough things for X to mean, you can sign an X to stand for your name if you don't know how to write.