

An Existential Alphabet Nyr Indictor

All of these words and phrases suggest the letter X or a word or phrase beginning with X; that is why I call it the X-is-ten-tial alphabet.

abscissa = x-axis; broken type = x (typographic symbol); crossing = x-ing; double strength = XX (on spirits); eleven = XI (Roman numeral); forty = XL; genetically passed through the mother = X-linked (genetics); hybrid is symbolized by x in botany; incorrect = x; joined in matrimony = x (genealogy); kisses = xxx (in letters); longitude = x, x-axis; multiplied by = x; nineteen = XIX; one score = XX; pirate treasure site = x (as in "x marks the spot"); quantity of unspecified value = x (algebra); reactance = x (electrical engineering); strike = x (bowling); thirteen = XIII; unknown = x (algebra, and elsewhere); variable = x (algebra, and elsewhere); wrong = x; yule = Xmas; Zantippe = Xantippe (variant spelling)

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