

Name _____

Enigmatic Expressions

Directions: Read each riddle carefully. Use the clues to figure out the **rare word** being described. Write your answer on the line. Each riddle gives hints about the word's **meaning, tone, or origin**-think like a detective!



1. I last for a moment, then vanish away,
I'm shorter than hours but brighter than day.
What rare word am I? _____
2. My sound is smooth, my voice like a stream,
Sweet as honey in a poet's dream.
What rare word am I? _____
3. I twist and turn in endless ways,
A puzzle of paths that can trap for days.
What rare word am I? _____
4. I mean sadness so deep and grim,
A gloomy face, a tear-filled brim.
What rare word am I? _____
5. I describe one who dares without fright,
Who faces the storm and welcomes the fight.
What rare word am I? _____
6. I'm found everywhere-you can't escape me,
In sky, in street, in every place you see.
What rare word am I? _____
7. I confuse with complexity, cloud, and disguise,
I make truth hard to see with your eyes.
What rare word am I? _____
8. I mean kindness that's noble and grand,
Forgiving others with heart and hand.
What rare word am I? _____