

## Enigmatic Expressions Answer Key

1. **Ephemeral** - Lasting for a very short time.
2. **Mellifluous** - Having a smooth, sweet, and pleasant sound.
3. **Labyrinthine** - Complicated and full of twists and turns.
4. **Lugubrious** - Mournful or gloomy, especially in appearance or tone.
5. **Audacious** - Bold, daring, or fearless.
6. **Ubiquitous** - Present or existing everywhere.
7. **Obfuscate** - To confuse or make unclear.
8. **Magnanimous** - Generous and forgiving, especially toward rivals.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Encourages students to infer meanings of **rare vocabulary** through poetic riddles, promoting creative thinking and contextual deduction.
- **Teaching Tips:**
  - Read riddles aloud dramatically and have students discuss possible clues before answering.
  - Highlight rhyme and imagery to show how literary clues reveal meaning.
- **Differentiation:**
  - *Support:* Provide multiple-choice options for each riddle.
  - *Challenge:* Have students write one original "rare word riddle" of their own using a dictionary for inspiration.
- **Engagement Idea:** Turn it into a "Riddle Relay"-students race in teams to solve all riddles correctly.
- **Extension Activity:** Ask students to illustrate one of the riddles, visually showing how the imagery connects to the meaning of the rare word.