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## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Lisa Winer: Can you solve the locker riddle? | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/lisa\\_winer\\_can\\_you\\_solve\\_the\\_locker\\_riddle](https://www.ted.com/talks/lisa_winer_can_you_solve_the_locker_riddle)

### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### eccentric

*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

*synonym* : bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

### pester

*v.* to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly

*synonym* : disturb, bother, intrude

(1) **pester** her for a date, (2) **pester** him with complaints

Please don't **pester** me with phone calls.

### riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym* : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

### heir

*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

*synonym* : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. solve the ri___e           | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game |
| 2. h__r at law                | <i>n.</i> a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies           |
| 3. an imperial h__r           | <i>n.</i> a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies           |
| 4. ri___e me a riddle         | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game |
| 5. display ec_____ic behavior | <i>adj.</i> weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way  |
| 6. pe___r her for a date      | <i>v.</i> to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly   |
| 7. ec_____ic characters       | <i>adj.</i> weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way  |
| 8. pe___r him with complaints | <i>v.</i> to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly   |

ANSWERS: 1. riddle, 2. heir, 3. heir, 4. riddle, 5. eccentric, 6. pester, 7. eccentric, 8. pester

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She recognized me as her lawful \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
  
2. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me with phone calls.  
*v.* to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.  
*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
  
4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ but he was also a genius.  
*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

ANSWERS: 1. heir, 2. pester, 3. riddle, 4. eccentric,