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Thread: [250\\$ Crypto Giveaway - CRACK THE SEED - V4](#)

7 - May 24, 2026, 3:01 am

? \$300 in SOL up for grabs ?

For the next [7](#) days, you can apply to enter this high-stakes puzzle challenge. One wallet. One prize. One winner.

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? After the 12th riddle is sent, the race begins.

? First one to unlock the wallet & transfer the SOL wins it all.

? No second chances. No handouts. Just pure skill, patience, and speed. ?

? Want in?

Apply now. Just post your interest in joining, QL the thread, Max Pop if you want and I will add you to the list of competitors

The hunt begins soon. ? #CrackTheSeed #CryptoChallenge

Website to login to receive the riddle <https://cracktheseed.com>

HerrWinston - May 24, 2026, 3:03 am

Glad this challenge happens again! I would love to compete here aswell you can count me in :)

SIGMA BOSS - May 24, 2026, 3:40 am

lets go count me in

Sticky Bot - May 24, 2026, 4:26 am

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Au Jus Demon - May 24, 2026, 4:35 am

I would love to give this one a try. I missed out on the last one, and it sounded like it was a nice challenge

???????????? - May 24, 2026, 7:20 am

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This time ill post the wallet address and let you know it will be trust wallet

Please count me in. Last time I was so close, but someone faster than me won. I will work more hard this time.

Riddler - May 24, 2026, 7:29 am

logged in, very excited!!

Edmond Dantes - May 24, 2026, 7:40 am

I'd love to make an attempt :)

Count me in !

7 - May 24, 2026, 7:56 am

Great line up so far.

This one will be interesting!

Wake - May 24, 2026, 8:06 am

Good luck to every one entering.

7 - May 24, 2026, 8:24 am

(May 24, 2026 08:06 AM)Wake Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good luck to every one entering.

Hopefully the entries keep coming this time,

I am working on a few new ones after this... So this could be the last crack the seed for a while

loadman - May 24, 2026, 9:55 am

fine ill get free 250\$ fine

arlington - May 24, 2026, 12:25 pm

Sounds like fun. Let's get it.

R5N3T - May 24, 2026, 12:31 pm

Hopefully this is my chance to get lucky from you,

Count me in sir

RangoWorld - May 24, 2026, 11:36 pm

Another seed contest. Yay! You know what posting this means. I'm in!

Fr3d - May 25, 2026, 12:33 am

This challenge interests me, I'm ready.

Eran - May 25, 2026, 1:18 am

Ayyy another one, lets see if I get it right this time. Was so close the past 2, was one word off.

Count me in:)

SIM-4331310 - May 25, 2026, 10:28 pm

Interested in joining this again thanks for the opportunity man

Oh_Well - May 25, 2026, 11:15 pm

Sounds awesome. Let the hunt begin.

Pr0m3th3us - May 25, 2026, 11:48 pm

Im not smart enough for this..... [RangoWorld](#) its all yours

7 - May 26, 2026, 7:58 am

Gonna be a wild one this time I hope [Omniscient](#) allows me to send more than 5 PM's at a time on this one.

Eran - May 26, 2026, 2:51 pm

(May 26, 2026 07:58 AM)7 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Gonna be a wild one this time I hope [Omniscient](#) allows me to send more than 5 PM's at a time on this one.

Looking forward to the riddles mate! Hopefully I'll be more ready than last time! ?

Djangoo - May 30, 2026, 7:11 pm

Thanks for hosting this awesome contest. Djangoo would like to enter ??

Mxstermind - June 1, 2026, 2:42 pm

Best of luck everyone

7 - June 2, 2026, 2:51 am

I have extended the entry for another 7 days. Purchased a new sticky to get some more contestants to make this one better than ever!

Hope this goes well this time and good luck

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Three - June 3, 2026, 8:49 am

Thank you for organizing this contest. I was the previous winner. It was really good contest.

I would love to give this one try.

Good luck to everyone.

anua - June 3, 2026, 6:08 pm

I would like to give it a go please! Consider me in.

SecureOp - June 7, 2026, 4:36 am

I'm interested, let the games begin.

Djangoo - June 13, 2026, 11:20 pm

Hey, just wanted to check if this has started. Djangoo doesn't want to miss it this time?

m0hx - June 14, 2026, 4:12 pm

count me in pls. ty

7 - June 14, 2026, 6:42 pm

This will start from today. I am sorry for the delay! I have been super busy.

I am either gonna build and API platform for the future that allows contestants to get the clue's or find a way of mass auto delivery via DM.

The issue for me isnt doing the competition or the money whatever.. Its 14 days of being at the computer at the same time sending 5 PM's with multiple recipients.

I will start it today whether automated or manual deliver. Sorry for the delay!

(Jun 14, 2026 04:12 PM)m0hx Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) count me in pls. ty

And ofc your welcome you always are brother.

7 - June 16, 2026, 7:38 pm

I have upped the prize to 300\$ for the delay in getting this started.

It will be started soon and hopefully it will be accessible via auto delivery as there are 22 contestants at the moment and thats alot of PM's and currently my work is in crisis mode. I need a proper solid assistant really.

It's nearly finished...

7 - June 18, 2026, 2:35 am

It will be live within the next two days maybe even today I dont know... few teething issues. Its very safe and mean we can run this often!

Money - June 18, 2026, 5:31 am

Count me in , I almost forgot. Lets go!

7 - June 18, 2026, 5:58 am

(Jun 18, 2026 05:31 AM)Money- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Count me in , I almost forgot. Lets go!

Just in time... Adding you releasing the site soon.

Its took me some time but finally I think its mostly done..

I hope it goes well. To get your clues each day for all the people taking part go to <https://cracktheseed.com> and login via hf api.

There you can see the wallet address, the clues each day and the money left in the pot... along with

much more.

Its still at early stages but I hope you like it.

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anua - June 18, 2026, 10:07 am

First clue is out! Already have an idea. The site works great as well.

Jahad - June 18, 2026, 10:10 am

Good luck to all participants!

HerrWinston - June 18, 2026, 10:24 am

I have received the first clue on the website, I have to say it looks awesome and functionality wise its perfect, well done and I hope it will all go well! Great Work [7](#) .

Au Jus Demon - June 18, 2026, 11:00 am

The site looks sick. Excited to see how it evolves.

Three - June 18, 2026, 2:23 pm

I received the 1.riddle. The site looks great. I haven't received riddles this fast in v3, I think this site is working correctly. Thank you.

zorenx - June 18, 2026, 4:04 pm

Hello 7!

I have just seen the Cracktheseed. I logged in via hackforums but this is showing on my end.

Quote:Access Restricted

Your HackForums UID (5765018) has not been authorised for this competition. Apply on HackForums to be added.

Apply on HackForums ->
Do I need to be LEET?

I would like to give this puzzle a shot so would be so much appreciated if I can join. Thank you!

7 - June 18, 2026, 5:37 pm

(Jun 18, 2026 04:04 PM)zorenx Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hello 7!

I have just seen the Cracktheseed. I logged in via hackforums but this is showing on my end.

Do I need to be LEET?

I would like to give this puzzle a shot so would be so much appreciated if I can join. Thank you!
I will add you in today.

Infact anyone nwho now gets that message and wishes to join... just let me know. For this month ill open it to all that request

Nesfruta - June 18, 2026, 7:31 pm

Let me join the fun I think I will enjoy this! ?

7 - June 18, 2026, 7:36 pm

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Ill add you as soon as home

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(Jun 18, 2026 07:36 PM)7 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ill add you as soon as home
yahoo!!!

7 - June 18, 2026, 7:56 pm

(Jun 18, 2026 07:36 PM)Nesfruta Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) yahoo!!!
Added welcome to the competition

oncedegen - June 19, 2026, 2:28 am

I'm interested. How do I get my UID authorized?

UID: 5765093

jcole - June 19, 2026, 3:25 am

This is a very unique challenge and an exciting way to make some extra money. Great job [7](#) site looks great.

roasterboi69 - June 19, 2026, 4:08 am

Finally found the correct thread. Please get me in, thank you for the time, effort and opportunity.

7 - June 19, 2026, 5:50 am

(Jun 15, 2026 08:45 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's not a tutorial, but a project I put together with data from the HF News Archive project I did

Everyone go post and play along :D

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6327134>

(Jun 19, 2026 02:28 AM)oncedegen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm interested. How do I get my UID authorized?

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(Jun 19, 2026 04:08 AM)roasterboi69 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Finally found the correct thread. Please get me in, thank you for the time, effort and opportunity.

Added both... Usually when the deadline finishes there are no more contestants but I can see people signing up for hackforums for this competition. So for the next one the deadline will stand for now ... Ill add them all who join as it was announced on X yesterday.

oncedegen - June 19, 2026, 7:10 am

(Jun 19, 2026 05:50 AM)7 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Added both... Usually when the deadline finishes there are no more contestants but I can see people signing up for hackforums for this competition. So for the next one the deadline will stand for now ... Ill add them all who join as it was announced on X yesterday.

so no deadline to join this one?

I'm in btw, seen the first riddle, lfggg

anua - June 19, 2026, 10:23 am

Clue no. 2 received! Let's see what it is.

Djangoo - June 19, 2026, 10:38 am

(Jun 19, 2026 10:23 AM)anua Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Clue no. 2 received! Let's see what it is.

You guys are receiving clues? [7](#), could you please check and confirm whether I am included?

anua - June 19, 2026, 10:41 am

(Jun 19, 2026 10:38 AM)Djangoo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You guys are receiving clues? [7](#), could you please check and confirm whether I am included?

Yeah, I logged in on the website via HF and the clues appear there each day. Can you login on the website? If it says that access is restricted [7](#) needs to give you access.

Djangoo - June 19, 2026, 10:46 am

(Jun 19, 2026 10:41 AM)anua Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah, I logged in on the website via HF and the clues appear there each day. Can you login on the website? If it says that access is restricted [7](#) needs to give you access.

Got it, I have the access. Thanks.?

HerrWinston - June 19, 2026, 12:14 pm

I have received the second riddle, its getting harder over time but i am hyped for the end! :D

Three - June 20, 2026, 12:05 am

I received 2.riddle.

7 - June 20, 2026, 1:20 am

Good it's working to plan

m0hx - June 20, 2026, 4:07 am

received riddle 1 & 2.

I excited for this :P

anua - June 20, 2026, 10:10 am

Received clue no.3! Clever riddles I have to say.

Eran - June 20, 2026, 10:45 am

Logged in on the site for the first time today, got all 3 clues. Looks very nice, great job from 7 as always. Lets see who gets it this time !

Three - June 20, 2026, 12:31 pm

I received 3.riddle.

anua - June 21, 2026, 10:07 am

4th riddle received! I enjoy this a lot so far.

R5N3T - June 21, 2026, 4:26 pm

I never have clue

7 - June 21, 2026, 5:42 pm

(Jun 21, 2026 04:26 PM)R5N3T Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I never have clue
Because you havent checked the thread or the post you were tagged in.

Go to cracktheseed.com and you'll find the clues

Antimatter - June 21, 2026, 9:41 pm

Hi bro also add me

R5N3T - June 21, 2026, 10:16 pm

(Jun 21, 2026 05:42 PM)7 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because you havent checked the thread or the post you were tagged in.

Go to cracktheseed.com and you'll find the clues
wow this really makes things easier and the website design is also very attractive.. thank you Mr [7](#)

oncedegen - June 22, 2026, 12:28 am

will new contestants still be added until the end of the hunt? ?

7 - June 22, 2026, 12:37 am

(Jun 22, 2026 12:28 AM)oncedegen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) will new contestants still be added until the end of the hunt? ?

On this round and this round alone yes. Just because the website is new and it was advertised on X

R5N3T - June 22, 2026, 12:50 am

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7 - June 22, 2026, 1:39 am

(Jun 22, 2026 12:50 AM)R5N3T Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's a good way to attract people outside the forum and get them interested in joining HF

This is what I think a cracktheseed promotion on social media ...with a cool video could get alot of signups to HF and to the competition and also if that was the case the website has space for sponsorships for companies like exchanges and coin releases which could increase the pot further for future rounds.

R5N3T - June 22, 2026, 2:04 am

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I think you're absolutely right !

HerrWinston - June 22, 2026, 5:25 am

I have received the 4th riddle and I am excited to see the final result, many people joined again so this will be an intense challenge!

7 - June 22, 2026, 5:54 am

(Jun 22, 2026 05:25 AM)HerrWinston Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have received the 4th riddle and I am excited to see the final result, many people joined again so this will be an intense challenge!

Exciting! Yeah and it will only get bigger!

Three - June 22, 2026, 6:41 am

I received 4.riddle. I think 30-40 people are participating in this competition. That means there will be a lot of competition. Good luck to everyone.

I received 5.riddle.

RangoWorld - June 22, 2026, 12:21 pm

Got the Day 5 Riddle.

Austin0965 - June 22, 2026, 8:18 pm

I'm very much interested, this would be exciting, please add me. Thanks.

7 - June 23, 2026, 2:16 am

(Jun 22, 2026 08:18 PM)Austin0965 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm very much interested, this would be exciting, please add me. Thanks.

Added. Enjoy! Stay active

m0hx - June 23, 2026, 8:40 am

received riddles 4 & 5. thanku!

I encourage other members to join pwees. dis is cool

Austin0965 - June 24, 2026, 4:39 am

Received the 6th riddle, let's go

RangoWorld - June 24, 2026, 10:18 am

I have received Riddle no. 7

Austin0965 - June 24, 2026, 10:21 am

Received riddle 7. Getting closer to 12 lets go

Three - June 24, 2026, 10:57 am

I received 6 and 7 riddle.

Antimatter - June 24, 2026, 6:18 pm

Hi brother please add me also somehow I found the thread because cracktheseed.com is not redirecting to original thread post

7 - June 24, 2026, 6:19 pm

(Jun 24, 2026 06:18 PM)Antimatter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hi brother please add me also somehow I found the thread because cracktheseed.com is not redirecting to original thread post
Added try now and catch up!

Antimatter - June 24, 2026, 6:33 pm

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Thanks dude

7 - June 25, 2026, 12:15 am

(Jun 24, 2026 06:33 PM)Antimatter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks dude
Just out of interest where did you hear about the competition?

Austin0965 - June 26, 2026, 2:56 am

Loving the riddles so far, 8 received

7 - June 26, 2026, 6:03 am

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RangoWorld - June 26, 2026, 10:19 am

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4.05 Sol transferred 8 minutes ago.

Eran - June 26, 2026, 10:28 am

8.5+ billion possible combinations and that's only if the winner got all the 9 words correct. That's crazy. Congrats

Three - June 26, 2026, 10:30 am

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search through the whole Sol network to check balance and what not.

Three - June 26, 2026, 10:32 am

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(Jun 26, 2026 10:35 AM)Eran Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ah my bad I guess I read that wrong. Nevertheless winner really went for it.

The winner deserved it. My guess is that they rented a powerful graphics card; this process would have taken hours on most home computers.

loadman - June 26, 2026, 12:31 pm

10+ 4090

Djangoo - June 26, 2026, 6:56 pm

Cool! The competition is much tougher now, and that's what makes it exciting. Djangoo enjoyed it. ?

7 - June 26, 2026, 9:48 pm

(Jun 26, 2026 10:19 AM)RangoWorld Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks like the hunt's over. Somebody must've brute-forced it with 9 words.

4.05 Sol transferred 8 minutes ago.
For real someone won already?
That is madness!

I apologize if your disappointed but it was suggested to post the wallet address. Do we know who the winner was??

I need to know the winner to make the announcement.

I don't think there is much I can do to prevent this. I just hope the winner comes forward and shares their story and method for others to learn to enjoy.

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So do you think i shouldn't share the address. The problem last time is people were complaining that the didnt know if someone won or if they just hit an empty wallet. IDK [Omniscient](#) what do you suggest?

There are even if the 9 answers they had are correct... That is about 8.59 billion combinations left. Also to make you fully aware, the website itself including the db and the backend doesn't hold the phrase only the riddles....

I feel disappointed but will be even more disappointed if the winner doesn't come forward
On the early solve — my full AI security review

I've seen the questions about the round being solved before the final riddles dropped, and I take that seriously. Rather than wave it away, I ran a complete review of the platform and the puzzle itself. Here's exactly where I landed.

1. The platform never holds the seed phrase — by design

This is the most important point, so I'll be blunt: my system does not store, and has never stored, the recovery phrase. There is no field for it, no "answer" to submit, and no endpoint that checks a solution. The prize wallet is controlled solely by the seed it was generated from.

That's a deliberate architectural choice. It means:

There is nothing on my servers for anyone — including me — to leak, steal, or be socially-engineered out of.

"Winning" is decided entirely on-chain: whoever reconstructs the phrase and moves the funds first, wins. The blockchain is the referee, not my website.

So the round wasn't "unlocked" on my end. It was solved the only way it can be — by reconstructing the phrase off-platform.

2. Could the unreleased riddles have been pulled early? No.

I audited every path that touches riddle content. Riddles are time-locked on the server side. Until a riddle's release moment passes, its text simply never leaves my infrastructure — it isn't sent to the browser, it isn't in any API response, and it isn't hidden in the page waiting to be revealed. The only things visible ahead of time are the riddle's number and its countdown — never the contents.

I checked the obvious attack angles you'd expect me to: session and login handling, cross-origin request protection, privileged/admin-only views, and every endpoint that returns competition data. None of them expose an unreleased riddle to a participant. I found no path — authenticated or otherwise — to read a future riddle ahead of its timer.

I also reviewed my access logs. The solver's account only ever loaded riddles that were already public at the time. There is no record — and architecturally no way to produce one — of an unreleased riddle being viewed.

3. So how was it solved "early"? The math of brute force.

This is the part people underestimate. A recovery phrase is a sequence of words drawn from a fixed 2,048-word list. Every word a solver deduces from the riddles removes a factor of 2,048 from the remaining search space. The clues aren't just flavour — each one collapses the problem enormously.

Because the wallet's public address is, by necessity, visible to everyone, a solver can test guesses entirely offline on their own hardware, checking each candidate against that public address. No interaction with me is required or even helpful for this stage.

Here's roughly what the remaining work looks like once you're down to the last few unknown words (positions known), on commodity GPU hardware:

Unknown words left Raw combinations Realistic effort 2 ~4 million Seconds — a single GPU 3 ~8.6 billion Minutes to a couple of hours — one strong GPU or a small rig 4 ~1.7 x 10¹³ Days on one GPU; a few hours on a serious cluster 5+ 10¹⁶ and up Impractical without a large, dedicated farm

(The phrase's built-in checksum actually helps the solver here, discarding the overwhelming majority of invalid combinations instantly before any expensive work is done.)

The takeaway: once enough riddles are public, the residual is no longer "wait for the rest" — it's a short, very winnable compute race. Someone who deduced the bulk of the words and pointed even a modest amount of GPU power at the remainder could close it out in minutes to hours. That isn't a flaw — that is the game. Cracking the tail is precisely what "crack the seed" means, and the design rewards whoever combines the best deduction with the resources to finish.

4. Bottom line

The platform was not breached, and unreleased riddles were not accessible early — I verified this across every relevant component.

I never custody the phrase; the contest is settled on-chain.

The early solve is consistent with a legitimate brute-force of the final unknown words — a known, expected outcome of this style of puzzle once enough clues are out.

I'm confident in the integrity of the round. I'm also taking the lessons forward into how I balance future puzzles so the difficulty curve holds right to the final clue. Thanks to everyone who raised this — scrutiny like this is exactly what keeps these events fair.

5. "But the wallet address is public — doesn't that make it crackable?"

Short answer: no. Sharing the Solana address does not make the seed phrase any easier to crack, and it reveals none of the words.

Here's why:

It reveals zero words. The address is the end of a one-way chain: phrase -> seed -> key -> address. You cannot run that backwards. Knowing the address tells you nothing about a single word in the phrase.

It doesn't shrink the search space. The number of possible phrases is exactly the same whether the address is public or not. The address removes none of the difficulty — every candidate still has to be derived and checked in full.

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RangoWorld - June 27, 2026, 12:05 am

(Jun 26, 2026 09:48 PM)7 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) For real someone won already?

That is madness!

I apologize if your disappointed but it was suggested to post the wallet address. Do we know who the winner was??

I need to know the winner to make the announcement.

I don't think there is much I can do to prevent this. I just hope the winner comes forward and shares their story and method for others to learn to enjoy.

So do you think i shouldn't share the address. The problem last time is people were complaining that the didnt know if someone won of if they just hit an empty wallet. IDK [Omniscient](#) what do you suggest?

There are even if the 9 answers they had are correct... That is about 8.59 billion combinations left. Also to make you fully aware, the website itself including the db and the backend doesnt hold the phrase only the riddles....

I feel dissappointed but will be even more dissapointed if the winner doesnt come forward
On the early solve — my full AI security review

I've seen the questions about the round being solved before the final riddles dropped, and I take that seriously. Rather than wave it away, I ran a complete review of the platform and the puzzle itself. Here's exactly where I landed.

1. The platform never holds the seed phrase — by design

This is the most important point, so I'll be blunt: my system does not store, and has never stored, the recovery phrase. There is no field for it, no "answer" to submit, and no endpoint that checks a solution. The prize wallet is controlled solely by the seed it was generated from.

That's a deliberate architectural choice. It means:

There is nothing on my servers for anyone — including me — to leak, steal, or be socially-engineered out of.

"Winning" is decided entirely on-chain: whoever reconstructs the phrase and moves the funds first, wins. The blockchain is the referee, not my website.

So the round wasn't "unlocked" on my end. It was solved the only way it can be — by reconstructing the phrase off-platform.

2. Could the unreleased riddles have been pulled early? No.

I audited every path that touches riddle content. Riddles are time-locked on the server side. Until a riddle's release moment passes, its text simply never leaves my infrastructure — it isn't sent to the browser, it isn't in any API response, and it isn't hidden in the page waiting to be revealed. The only things visible ahead of time are the riddle's number and its countdown — never the contents.

I checked the obvious attack angles you'd expect me to: session and login handling, cross-origin request protection, privileged/admin-only views, and every endpoint that returns competition data. None of them expose an unreleased riddle to a participant. I found no path — authenticated or otherwise — to read a future riddle ahead of its timer.

I also reviewed my access logs. The solver's account only ever loaded riddles that were already public at the time. There is no record — and architecturally no way to produce one — of an unreleased riddle being viewed.

3. So how was it solved "early"? The math of brute force.

This is the part people underestimate. A recovery phrase is a sequence of words drawn from a fixed 2,048-word list. Every word a solver deduces from the riddles removes a factor of 2,048 from the remaining search space. The clues aren't just flavour — each one collapses the problem enormously.

Because the wallet's public address is, by necessity, visible to everyone, a solver can test guesses entirely offline on their own hardware, checking each candidate against that public address. No interaction with me is required or even helpful for this stage.

Here's roughly what the remaining work looks like once you're down to the last few unknown words (positions known), on commodity GPU hardware:

Unknown words left	Raw combinations	Realistic effort
2	~4 million	Seconds — a single GPU
3	~8.6 billion	Minutes to a couple of hours — one strong GPU or a small rig
4	~1.7 x 10 ¹³	Days on one GPU; a few hours on a serious cluster
5+	10 ¹⁶ and up	Impractical without a large, dedicated farm

(The phrase's built-in checksum actually helps the solver here, discarding the overwhelming majority of invalid combinations instantly before any expensive work is done.)

The takeaway: once enough riddles are public, the residual is no longer "wait for the rest" — it's a short, very winnable compute race. Someone who deduced the bulk of the words and pointed even a modest amount of GPU power at the remainder could close it out in minutes to hours. That isn't a flaw — that is the game. Cracking the tail is precisely what "crack the seed" means, and the design rewards whoever combines the best deduction with the resources to finish.

4. Bottom line

The platform was not breached, and unreleased riddles were not accessible early — I verified this across every relevant component.

I never custody the phrase; the contest is settled on-chain.

The early solve is consistent with a legitimate brute-force of the final unknown words — a known, expected outcome of this style of puzzle once enough clues are out.

I'm confident in the integrity of the round. I'm also taking the lessons forward into how I balance future puzzles so the difficulty curve holds right to the final clue. Thanks to everyone who raised this — scrutiny like this is exactly what keeps these events fair.

5. "But the wallet address is public — doesn't that make it crackable?"

Short answer: no. Sharing the Solana address does not make the seed phrase any easier to crack, and it reveals none of the words.

Here's why:

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Bring on Crack The Seed v5.

Mad to see how fast this one was cracked everyone, great job!

zorenx - June 27, 2026, 10:25 pm

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Three - June 28, 2026, 7:11 am

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You explaining how you won made the competition even more enjoyable.

I had assumed you were doing it using a rented GPU—like a rtx 4090 or something even more powerful. But I have to say, I was surprised to learn you're doing this with a rtx 3070 at home. Not everyone has a graphics card like that at home.

Also,

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I guessed correctly up to this point.

"nasty" wrong for me.

[7](#) Thank you again for organizing such a competition. Honestly, I enjoyed it because I correctly guessed the first eight words.

Also, if a v5 competition is held, everyone will need to rent a powerful GPU, because there is a 24

hour gap between the release of the 9th word and the 10th word.

7 - June 28, 2026, 5:03 pm

You all ready for the next on. I think its time to spice things up!. lets get more of the public coming on and I really hope this guy stick around.

Austin0965 - June 28, 2026, 5:09 pm

Congrats, great hunt. I hope to win the next one lol

Fr3d - June 29, 2026, 3:16 am

This game is really good. If a V5 is coming, please make sure the puzzle solutions can't be brute-forced or cracked by a computer. I'm actually waiting for the 12th riddle right now

7 - June 29, 2026, 4:50 am

Im going to close this one. Click on my profile and follow me to make sure you get full updates of any further competitions.