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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- rut** *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action  
*synonym*: groove, track, estrus  
(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**  
The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.
- subtract** *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole  
*synonym*: deduct, take away, remove  
(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total  
I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
- nerd** *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.  
*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk  
(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck  
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.
- adventurous** *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things  
*synonym*: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers  
He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## deprive

v. to take away something from someone

*synonym*: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status  
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. su\_\_\_\_ct numbers v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
2. de\_\_\_\_e him of his status v. to take away something from someone
3. a computer n\_\_d n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
4. boring routine r\_t n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
5. de\_\_\_\_e others of profit v. to take away something from someone
6. falling into a r\_t n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
7. adv\_\_\_\_us pioneers adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
8. su\_\_\_\_ct one from the total v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
9. lead an adv\_\_\_\_us life adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

ANSWERS: 1. subtract, 2. deprive, 3. nerd, 4. rut, 5. deprive, 6. rut, 7. adventurous, 8. subtract, 9. adventurous

10. n\_\_d neck

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. nerd

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company seems stuck in a \_\_\_\_ and needs to try something new.
  - n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
  
2. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.
  - adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
  
3. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
  - v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
  
4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
  - v.* to take away something from someone
  
5. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. rut, 2. adventurous, 3. subtract, 4. deprived, 5. nerd