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1. decorated with many fine details, over-the-top, ornate
2. persuade, manipulate, influence someone's decision
3. lazy, having a laid back personality, easy-going



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7. concerned, showing interest in someone or something, nosy
8. stare, look directly at, gaze
9. quiet, antisocial, not speaking much
10. taking great care, cautious, fretful

ANSWER KEY

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