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2. persuade, manipulate, influence someone’s decision
3. lazy, having a laid back personality, easy-going
4. discussion, an important conversation, argument
5. look around, browse, snoop
6. having a lot of money, wealthy, loaded
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

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