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- Behavior
- Affect
- Sensation
- Imagery
- Cognition
- Interpersonal relationships
- (the need for) Drugs

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