

A. What do you dream of? Freud and your dreams.

Sigmund Freud is regarded as the (1)..... (FOUND) of psychoanalysis. His work has been (2)..... (INFLUENCE) in many areas but he is perhaps best known for having drawn our (3)..... (ATTEND) to dreams, which he believed were clues to inner conflicts. The fact that a dream is (4)..... (ESSENTIAL) a disguised expression of what is happening in the unconscious mind means that it is difficult for the dreamer to understand its (5)..... (SIGNIFY). Freud believed that the sleeping mind resorted to a whole range of unconscious wishes in forms which would prevent the dreamer from having any (6)..... (AWARE) of their true nature. In Freud's view, interpreting the meaning of the dream required a psychoanalyst with an expert (7)..... (KNOW) of how dreams disguise desires. The psychoanalyst's lack of personal (8)..... (INVOLVE) in the dream would enable him to see the dream objectively.

According to Freud, dreams use a (9)..... (MYSTERY) symbolic language quite different from that of waking life, but the fact is there is no hard (10)..... (EVIDENT) for believing that dreams really do reflect our unconscious wishes. Nevertheless, Freud (11)..... (DOUBT) made a major contribution to twentieth-century thought and many useful insights into (12)..... (PSYCHOLOGY) processes have been gained through his work.

