

*Tuesdays with Morrie*  
Vocabulary 1

1. **alienation**      *n.*    the state of being withdrawn from the objective world, as through indifference
2. **ambivalence**    *n.*    uncertainty or fluctuation
3. **aphorisms**      *n.*    sayings embodying general truth or astute observations
4. **atrophied**      *adj.*    wasted; withered; shriveled
5. **biopsy**          *n.*    the removal for diagnostic study of a piece of tissue from a living body
6. **clamoring**      *adj.*    noisy; loud
7. **cynical**         *adj.*    distrusting or disparaging the motives or sincerity of others
8. **deferments**     *n.*    postponements; temporary exemptions for induction into military service
9. **demise**         *n.*    death
10. **egotistical**    *adj.*    vain; boastful; selfish
11. **humility**       *n.*    the quality or state of being modest; meekness
12. **imminent**     *adj.*    likely to occur at any moment; impending
13. **insatiable**     *adj.*    incapable of being satisfied
14. **insidious**     *adj.*    stealthily treacherous or deceitful
15. **intrusive**      *adj.*    tending or apt to intrude; annoying
16. **lamented**      *adj.*    mourned for
17. **nostalgia**      *n.*    a wistful or sentimental longing for places, things, acquaintances, or conditions belong to the past; homesickness
18. **rational**       *adj.*    based on or agreeable to reason; sane; lucid