

tuesdays with  
**Morrie**

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Mitch Albom

# What happened to the girl?

## What's other students' response? Morries?

- **thump** *v.*
  - [T] *informal* to hit someone very hard with your hand closed
  - *If you don't shut up, I'm going to thump you!*
  - [I,T always + adverb/preposition] to hit against something loudly
  - *His feet thumped loudly on the bare boards.*
  - [I] if your heart thumps, it beats very strongly and quickly because you are frightened or excited
  - *My heart was thumping inside my chest.*
- **yank** *v.* [I and T]
  - informal to suddenly pull something quickly and with force
  - **yank sth out/back/open etc**
  - *One of the men grabbed Tom's hair and yanked his head back.*
  - **yank on/at**
  - *With both hands she yanked at the necklace.*
- **harsh** *adj.* (harsher, harshest)
  - cruel, severe and unkind
  - *The punishment was harsh and unfair.*
  - too strong and bright; ugly or unpleasant to look at:
  - *harsh colors*
  - unpleasant to listen to:
  - *a harsh voice*
  - too strong and rough and likely to damage sth: harsh detergents
  - *Ordinary soap can be too harsh for delicate skin.*
  - **harshly** *adv.* She was treated very harshly.
  - *Alec laughed harshly.*

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- **apple cobbler** 苹果脆皮馅饼
- **intrusive** *adj.*
- affecting someone's private life or interrupting them in an unwanted and annoying way
- *They found the television cameras too intrusive.*

- **clamor** *v.*
- [I] [always + adverb/preposition] to demand something loudly
- **clamor for**
- *The audience cheered, clamoring for more.*
- **clamor to do sth**
- *All his friends were clamouring to know where he'd been.*
- to talk or shout loudly
- *Children clamored excitedly.*

- **wag** *v.*
- [I and T] if a dog wags its tail, or if its tail wags, the dog moves its tail many times from one side to the other
- [T] to move your finger or head from side to side, especially to show disapproval  
*'You naughty girl!' Mom said, wagging her finger at me.*

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- **dangle** *v.*
  - [I and T] to hang or swing loosely, or to make something do this
  - **dangle from**
  - *A light bulb dangled from a wire in the ceiling.*
  - **dangle sth in/over etc. sth**
  - *I dangled my feet in the clear blue water.*
- [T] to offer something good to someone, in order to persuade them to do something
  - **dangle sth in front of sb/before sb**
  - *A good pay package and a company car were dangled in front of her.*

- For a moment, I am sure she is going to thump on the floor. At the last instant, her assigned partner grabs her head and shoulders and yanks her up harshly.
- Why was the girl grabbed and yanked harshly?
- Because her partner didn't believe that someone was will to fall.

- Sometimes you cannot believe what you see, you have to believe what you feel. And if you are ever going to have other people trust you, you must feel that you can trust them, too—even when you're in the dark. Even when you're falling.

- How to understand the first sentence?
- These days we didn't really believe in our feelings, we didn't believe others. Although there is an old saying -- seeing is believing, but we do need more trusts within ourselves.

- With all the people clamoring for his time, perhaps I was trying to take too much away from these Tuesdays.

- What does the underlined sentence mean?

- He stopped me, wagged a finger, then hooked his glasses off his nose, letting them dangle on the string around his neck. He looked me square in the eye. “Put it down,” he said.

- What does the underlined sentence mean?



- “Mitch,” he continued, softly now, “you don’t understand. I want to tell you about my life. I want to tell you before I can’t tell you anymore.”
- His voice dropped to a whisper. “I want someone to hear my story. Will you?” I nodded.

- “*Before... anymore*” shows Morrie’s anxiety of telling his own feelings
- “*‘I want... Will you?’*” shows that Morrie is concern about the entire society, and was eagerly to show his opinion to other people.