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**Imagist Poetry Assignment**

This Is Just to Say

This is just to say

I have eaten the plums

that were

in the icebox

and which

you were probably

saving

for breakfast

Forgive me

they were delicious

so sweet

and so cold

--William Carlos Williams

**Says/Does:**

**Directions:** Look at the poem. What is the text **saying**? How **does** the author write it? Write your ideas in the boxes below.

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| **Says** | **Does** |

**Product Goals:**

**Directions:** What did the author do or say that you want to imitate in your own writing? Look at the boxes above. Choose two goals for your writing today.

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**Word Gathering:**

**Directions:** In each box, write descriptive words and phrases that can be used in your poem.

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| **List moments when you did things— small, seemingly insignificant, inconsiderate acts—that perhaps you should have confessed and apologized for.** | **List moments when people did thoughtful things for you—small, seemingly insignificant, kind acts—and perhaps you should have shown gratitude.** |
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| **Using sensory details (see, hear, taste, touch, smell) and figurative language (metaphors, similes, personification, etc) describe that one event when you should have confessed and apologized.** | **Using sensory details (see, hear, taste, touch, smell) and figurative language (metaphors, similes, personification, etc) describe that one event when you should have shown gratitude.** |
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