

# Imagery

## Consider:

There were some dirty plates  
and a glass of milk  
beside her on a small table  
near the rank, disheveled bed –

Wrinkled and nearly blind  
she lay and snored  
rousing with anger in her tones  
to cry for food.

— William Carlos Williams, “The Last Words of my English Grandmother”

## Discuss:

1. These stanzas contain visual, olfactory, auditory, and gustatory images. Fill in the chart below with concrete images from the poem.

Visual	Olfactory	Auditory	Gustatory

2. Contrast the attitude toward the old woman in the two stanzas. How does it change? What images create this change in attitude?

## Apply:

Think of a group of young people cheering at a sporting event. Write a paragraph describing them in a positive way; then write another paragraph describing them in a negative way. Use at least two types of imagery in your descriptions. Post your descriptions around the room.