Name _____

Prediction-Inference Sort

- A **prediction** is a smart guess about what will happen **next** (future-based).

- An **inference** is a smart guess about what is happening **now** (present-based), using clues from the text.

Think of it this way: **prediction** is **looking forward** and **inference** is **looking around**.

Directions: Read each example. Decide if it is a **prediction** or an **inference**. Write **P** for prediction or **I** for inference inside the boxes.

1. The sky is dark with clouds. I think it will rain soon.

2. She is holding an umbrella and wearing a raincoat, so it must already be raining.

3. Marcus studied hard all week, so I think he will do well on tomorrow's test.

4. The classroom is quiet, and everyone has their heads down. They must be taking a test right now.

5. The goalie has been practicing extra hours, so I think she will block the next shot.

6. The kitchen smells like cookies, so they must be baking in the oven.

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