Prediction-Inference Sort Answer Key

Prediction (Future-based)	Inference (Present-based)
1. The sky is dark… it will rain soon.	2. She is holding an umbrella… must already be raining.
3. Marcus studied… he will do well on tomorrow's test.	4. The classroom is quiet… must be taking a test now.
5. The goalie has been practicing… she will block the next shot.	6. The kitchen smells like cookies… they must be baking now.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress the **time difference**: predictions = future, inferences = present clues.

- A helpful teaching trick: ask students to underline **time hints** like "tomorrow," "next," or "soon" (prediction) and **evidence words** like "must be," "is," or sensory clues (inference).

- Extension idea: Have students write their **own 2 predictions and 2 inferences** about a classroom scenario, then share and sort them.