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Growing Tension

Short Answer Key

1. The repeating pattern makes readers wonder how much more the mitten can stretch before it finally bursts.
2. The bear is the biggest animal yet, making it seem impossible that the mitten can still hold together.
3. The side panels give clues about what will happen next, keeping readers curious and involved.
4. The mouse is tiny compared to the bear, so it's unexpected that something so small causes the mitten to burst.
5. The sneeze forces all the animals out at once, resolving the problem in a funny and surprising way.

