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Folktale Magic

Short Answer Key

1. The repeating pattern helps create suspense and makes it easier for readers to predict what will happen next, just like in traditional folktales.
2. In folktales, animals often behave like humans to make the story more entertaining and easier to relate to.
3. Nicki's grandmother warns him about losing his mitten, which connects to the idea that ignoring wise advice can lead to trouble.
4. Humor makes lessons easier to remember. In *The Mitten*, the exaggerated stretching of the mitten and the sneeze at the end make the lesson fun rather than serious.
5. If the mitten did not stretch, fewer animals would fit inside, and the story wouldn't have the same buildup of humor and suspense.

