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You think I've got an easy life
Always sitting comfortably
Beside the radiator and the window
Bathed in brilliant beams of sunlight

Adored and fought over
Nearest the TV
Called 'My favourite'
Cuddling with the cat

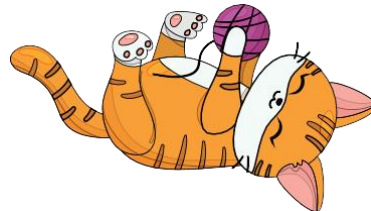
You think it's all soft and cosy
A well-plumped cushion
Furry footrest in front of me
Fluffy throw in case it's chilly

But imagine what it's like
Being jumped on by bouncy kids
Or sat on by unknown visitors
Or treated like a handkerchief.

Imagine boiling tea on your arms
Bubbling soup on your back
Sizzling spills spoiling your skin
Sprawling stains tattooing your legs

Getting clawed by the kittens
Prodded and investigated for lost money
Rude remote-control retrievers
Rammed arms going where they shouldn't

Swap places with me – I dare you!
Welcome the arrival of boisterous feet
Accept strangers, claws, burns, tears and smears
And then you will know the easy life of an armchair!



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Questions about the poem Easy Life

1. Name three positive things that the armchair enjoys.

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2. Name three negative things that the armchair suffers.

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3. Name three pleasant ways that the armchair can keep warm.

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4. There are seven verses in the poem. In which verse does the poem's mood change?

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5. Read verse two again. What does the armchair mean when it says it is 'Adored and fought over'?

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6. In the final verse, the third line uses the word 'tears'. Explain how this can have two meanings in this poem.

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7. In verse five, how does the poet personify the chair to make it seem like a person? Choose a line from the verse and explain how the poet personifies the armchair.

Example from poem	Personification

