

About 45,000 pages of useful information on just one topic, from an encyclopedia article to instructions for building, Google can be very useful. According to the article, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" by Nicholas Carr and Peter Norvig, "Google Effect: Is Technology Making us Stupid?" an article by Genevieve Roberts, and an infographic by Moran and Firth, they all show perspectives about the effect of Google and if it might be making us "stupid." I agree that Google is making us not so intelligent because it's not helping us think more, we have lessened our ability to concentrate, and it's not helping our memory either.

First of all, Google is making us "stupid" because now we are not able to think as much. According to the article, "Is Google Making us Stupid?" it states, "What really makes us intelligent isn't our ability to find lots of information quickly. It's our ability to think deeply about information." Now when we discovered unanswered questions we never really think about it now, we just type it in Google and find the answer. Being intelligent is thinking, and now we are not able to think. Another reason why we are not able to think it stated in article A, "The fact is, you never think deeply if you're always Googling, texting, and surfing." This is true because if you are distracted you won't think or learn. Since Google is on the internet, we can get distracted on other websites and won't be concentrated on what we're supposed to be learning.

Secondly, Google is also making us "stupid" because we are not concentrated, so our attention span is decreasing. According to article B it says, "A Microsoft study found the average human attention span fell from 12 seconds to 8 seconds a day." So recently since we are now on technology more we aren't paying attention as much since

the last 15 years or more. Also, according to article A it states, “ The faster we zip across the web, clicking links and skimming word, and pictures, the more adds Google is able to show us and the more money it makes.” This shows that Google is purposely putting more ads that are making us less concentrated so we can buy things online. So, all these ads Google is making pop on our screens and all the other websites on the internet will lose our concentration.

Lastly, we are not becoming more intelligent because Google is a part of helping us to lose our memory. Since we are losing our memory we are also not becoming smarter and we can't remember any information anymore. According to source C, an infographic, it shows, “ Past (without Google) - the next time the same information is available we are more likely to remember it since we took the time to enchant the information in our mind.” Before Google we had to read books and remember the information for later on and now since Google can be used everywhere there is no need to remember information. Another example of how Google is helping lose our memory it stated in Source B, “ A recent study (you probably don't remember by now) suggest 90% of us are suffering from digital amnesia.” Most of us are now losing our memory because of the internet, since everything is accessible there and we don't have a need to remember because we can just look it up.

In conclusion, Google is making us “stupid” because we aren't thinking as much now, we are losing our attention span, and we are losing our memory too. To be intelligent we have to think, be concentrated, and memorize information, but Google isn't helping us. In the view of someone who thinks Google isn't making us “stupid,” in

article A it says, “ It will say that Google has made us smarter both - individually and collectively - because we have ready and free access to information.” Since we have a wide range of information it isn't making us stupid because part of being intelligent is knowing information and Google is giving us plenty of information. All in all, Google is making us not so smart for many reasons.