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Is Google negatively affecting our intelligence?

Google is today's way of researching things that we do not know the answer of. Google has a negative effect on us though. It causes us to be more dependant on Google, it distracts us in certain ways, and causes us to remember less information.

First and foremost, Google is causing us to be more dependent on it, It is nice to search the answer to a math question every once in awhile but, using it to even solve the teensiest problem is more on the dependent side. According to "How is Google changing our memory?," the infograph states, "With search engines available all the time, we often don't encode the information internally, because when we need it, we will look it up on the Internet." The problem with this is that the more we rely on it, the less informa\tion we remember. Another piece of evidence comes from the same inforgraph, stating, "When the information is saved externally, we usually don't memorise it, but rather remember the place where we found it." Without memorising the information we read online, we rely on Google to tell us the answer again. It causes us to search this information over and over again. Google is making us more dependent on it.

Furthermore, Google distracts us from real thinking. Now, it is nice to sit down and think every once in awhile, but Google pries us from that. According to 'Is Google Making Us Stupid?" it states, "When we use our computers and our cell-phones all the time, we're always distracted." Some may argue that the internet is not the only thing distracting us, that other factors contribute to these distractions as well. But Google distracts us either way. Google breaks our train of thoughts. According to the same article, "...interruptions break our train of thought. We end up scatterbrained. The fac is, you'll never think deeply if you're always Googling, texting, and surfing." And it's true, deep thinking is accomplished when you are not distracted or constantly interrupted.

In addition, Google causes us to remember less. According to 'Google Effect: Is Technology Making Us Stupid?," the author states, "A recent study, (you've probably forgotten by now) suggests 90 percent of us are suffering from digital amnesia." The effect Google has on our memory is shocking! It's sad how a lot of us are suffering from this… including me. ANother piece of evidence comes from the same article. According to it, the author states, "The Kasperky Lab concludes we don't commit to data because of the "Google Effect" - we're safe in knowledge that answers are just a click away…" Nowadays, information is mostly online, that's why it's so hard to remember anything, which leads to everyone forgetting everything and not remembering much of what we have learned.

In conclusion, Google is having a negative effect on us, making us rely on it more, distracting us from real thinking, and causing us to have shorter memories. That is why it is nice to sit back and reflect on life and what we have learned about.