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Is Google having a negative effect on our lives and intelligence

Google is not making us stupid it is aiding us in learning. Evidence to support this claim is source A: "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" and source C: (Infographic) "How is Google Changing Our Memory?". With the ever growing use of technology, the internet, and google there are many who claim that Google is making us "stupid". Google does not make us "stupid" because it allows faster access to information, a more faster way of fact checking, and a convenient way of finding information.

To elaborate off of the first point, Google allows for faster access to information, Google takes less than a second to show results for your search. Not everyone has time to go through books to find information, "I could hunt through those [books] or turn to Google (Source A)." Google makes finding information faster, by just click buttons you save yourself time. There is hardly any difference between reading a book and internet article besides how fast you can find a specific one. It also allows us to think faster, "Just as a car allows us to move faster and a telescope lets us see farther, access to the INternet's information lets us think better and faster (Source A)." It allows us to think faster since we can already know information from Googling things instead of trying to sit and figure things out. Faster thinking doesn't make someone stupid and Google aids in helping us get information faster.

Furthermore, Google allows us to fact check faster because of it's speed at giving us information. We don't always have the best memory so Google helps us. In fact, "our recall is flawed

everytime we recall a memory we also remake it. Google acts like a fact checker, helping us avoid many errors (Source C).” If we say something that is wrong and google can give us the right answer how can such a thing make us stupid? We don’t always have the best memory, so a fact checker makes us smarter and better at remembering what we got wrong. Some might argue that being able just to google something will make us dependent and forgetful,”our new habits interfere in the development of deep, conceptual knowledge (Source C).” The thing is though google can lead you to an article to help you think deeply or divergently, so it can still help you even if others argue it can’t.

Finally constructing my last reason, Google allows for a more convenient way of accessing knowledge, not everyone can go to the library. Referencing a quote that was used before, “I could hunt through those or turn to Google (Source A).” Google makes it so we don’t have to hunt through books and waste time. In some cases we need to do research, but don’t or can’t go to the library. Google can bring a specific article to us in seconds instead of going to the library. Google makes it more convenient to search and get what you need. SOme may say this makes us lazier, not wanting to go to do actual research, but it just makes us more resourceful and allows for us to not waste time.

To conclude, Google does not make us any bit stupid, unless it told you so. Google makes us more resourceful because it lets us access information faster and conveniently which can allow us to also fact check something we hear or think. This doesn’t make anyone stupid, to have information at your fingertips can only make you more the opposite.