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In a new era where things are developed and technology advances, people ignore to notice what these things could do to us. Good or bad, technology such as Google helps us fill our memory with information but can also have a negative effect on it. Therewith, Google is making us stupid because of distractions, negative memory effects, and informational misinterpretations.

The first reason why Google is making us stupid is because of distractions. It's straight-out simple; distractions always interrupt our development of a certain subject. According to the article, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" on the "YES" section by author Nicholas Carr, story "The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing To Our Brains,"the author states, "If we're distracted, we understand less, remember less, and learn less." There's no lie about that. The author proves his point right because the internet is not only filled with the particular topic someone is searching for but many other millions and millions of websites. Henceforth, it is unlikely for that person to focus on the specific topic they were searching for. ANother piece of evidence, on the same article, the author exclaims, "The Net bombards us with messages and other bits of data, and every one those interruptions breaks our train of thought. We end up scatterbrained. The fact is, you'll never think deeply if you're always Googling, texting, and surfing." In addition to the last quote, going on the web results in distractions such as advertisements, pictures, news, entertainment, etc. This can hypnotize the person to waste time by forgetting or lacking

the use of the main topic that was first searched for. Therefore, this shows that distractions is a reason for why Google is making us stupid.

The second reason why Google's making us stupid because of negative effects on memory. As stated before, lots of things which distract us hypnotize us and when someone is hypnotized, they have no idea of what they are doing and continue getting distracted. To prove this, on the article "Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?", written by Genevieve Roberts, the author declares, "In contrast, Nicholas Carr, author of *The Shallows: How the Internet is Changing the Way We Think...*, believes we should be alarmed. "We're missing the real danger, that human memory is not the same as the memory in a computer: it's through remembering that we make connections with what we know, what we feel, and this gives rise to personal knowledge. If we're not forming rich connections in our own minds, we're not creating knowledge. Since tells us memory consolidation involves attentiveness: it's in this process that you form these connections." Once again, the author is right about this. To add to it, people who use the internet tend to just write what it claims but don't have the tendency to analyze or consider what something is trying to signify. As support, another point is according to the same article, in which the author expresses, "If we spend all our time online, or experiencing our lives through a smartphone camera lens, we might miss important experiences, and not commit them to long-term memory. Constantly, looking up information online is an effective way to create permanent memories. The best way to make information stick is to sometimes sit back, and mentally refresh what you learnt or experienced a minute, an hour or a day ago." To confirm that is the reason on how something takes time is better. If the reason is more in thought although it takes longer, it is better than just copying something and not knowing what is about. Further wise, this reason proves that Google's making us unintelligent.

The last reason why Google is making us feeble-minded involves with informational misinterpretations. No, this is clearly not a paradox for you to think of this as a misinterpretation. Also, there's a misinterpretation between misinterpretation of information and informational misinterpretations. To prove this is according to the passage, "Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?", where author Genevieve Roberts utters, "The Kaspersky Lab concludes we don't commit data to memory because of the "Google Effect" — we're safe in the knowledge that answers are just a click away, and are happy to treat the web like an extension to our own memory." The experience of when a teacher asks a student to paraphrase supporting evidence and student can't interpret the evidence in their own words confidently/correctly and try to paraphrase but don't write the information properly is an example of informational misinterpretations. In contrast is the misinterpretation of information. According to the same article, the author affirms, "Dr. Maria Wimber, lecturer at the University of Birmingham's School of Psychology, believes the internet simply changes the way we handle and store information, so the Google Effect "makes us good at remembering where to find a given bit of information, but not necessarily what the information was." In other words, people sometimes just copy information but they don't realize whether it's plausible/reliable. Therefore, that is the meaning of a misinterpretation of information. One subject involved with the person itself misinterpreting and the other is an article or data misinterpreting. Overall, this causes people to not learn things either correctly or formally. That is why Google is making us vacuous.

To conclude, even though Google has its cons, it also is valuable because of the information we are able to use, that's if it's credible. However, there's no argue for why Google is making us stupid and that demonstrate enough evidence for why this is so.