"Does the Internet Make You Dumber?"
from *The Wall Street Journal*
by Nicholas Carr

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Reading Questions
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1. According to Nicholas Carr, how does information technology (e.g., the internet, multimedia presentations, email) affect understanding, memory, and creativity?
2. Why does Carr believe that the ability to concentrate – to pay "deep attention" – is so important?
3. Which cognitive skills does computer technology seem to strengthen and which does it seem to weaken?
4. Why might it not be possible to reduce the negative effects of information technology by minimizing our use of computers?
5. How does the technology of the printed book differ from the technology of the internet? In what sense is surfing the internet more "natural" than reading a book?