According to Merriam-Webster, the word stupid is defined as not intelligent. Do you tend to feel stupid whenever you use Google or the internet? Probably not; however, in his article, “Is Google Making Us Stupid? What the Internet is doing to our brains”, Nicholas Carr presents the argument that although he uses the internet and Google, is Google making us stupid? Since stupid is defined as not intelligent, the answer to this question is fairly simple. No. There are many intelligent people, including us, who use Google and the internet. So in our honest opinion, we feel that the internet and Google do not make you stupid, but they do in fact make you smarter.

Mr. Carr presented a compelling argument about the damage technology can have on humans. In his essay he stated, “Over the past few years I’ve had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the memory. My mind isn’t going—so far as I can tell—but it’s changing. I’m not thinking the way I used to think.” According to this statement, Carr felt that as a result of using technology, his brain no longer works as it should. He just does not process things as he once did. We understand how he feels; however, we feel the exact opposite. We firmly believe that using technology has enhanced our thinking capabilities and as a result our brains are able to process much more than before. This provides sound evidence that supports our position that using Google and the internet actually makes us smarter.

To further support his argument that he does not think as well as he did prior to using the internet and Google, Carr explained, “Immersing myself in a book or a lengthy article used to be easy. My mind would get caught up in the narrative or the turns of the argument, and I’d spend hours strolling through long stretches of prose… I feel as if I’m always dragging my wayward brain back to the text. The deep reading that used to come naturally has become a struggle.” Times have changed. Reading lengthy books is challenging to young people because we have the modern conveniences of digital books, smartphones, computers, and tablets in which we can read the same texts. To further disprove the theory that using the internet and Google makes us stupid, we take great pleasure in saying that we cannot possibly be stupid if we are smart enough to find alternatives to read the same information that will not make us lose our concentration.

At the end of the day, we all know that we will not always agree with what someone else thinks or feels, but we must respect his or her opinion. Carr’s experience with technology changed him, but in no way do we feel that technology has made us stupid. Since our world is rapidly changing, having the world at our fingertips simply makes life easier.