

1. we're outsourcing our memory to the Internet	→	a) to obtain goods or services from an outside source. b) the process of storing data securely.
2. a memory crisis in the making	→	a) in the process of developing or growing, being made. b) a state of complete and final development.
3. it liberates our cognitive abilities for other tasks	→	a) to strictly control or confine someone within a set of rules. b) to help someone or something to be free.
4. the realm of the Google effect	→	a) a small compartment used for storing documents. b) an area of interest or activity.
5. a marvel of the modern mind	→	a) a small, common object used for everyday tasks. b) a wonderful or astonishing person or thing.
6. prioritising the retrieval of information over memorisation	→	a) the process of finding and bringing back something. b) the creation of new information or data from scratch.
7. ponder on that	→	a) to act quickly and without any prior thought or consideration. b) to think carefully about something, especially for a noticeable length of time.



Read the sentences and fill the gaps with the correct words.

1. The world of technology has expanded and now digital amnesia is a _____ we need to navigate.
2. When it comes to the Google effect, information _____ is just a click away.
3. _____ our memories to the digital world is becoming more common due to digital amnesia.
4. The impact of the Google effect on memory is still _____ and requires further study.
5. As we rely more on technology, we must _____ the effects of digital amnesia on our brains.
6. Having information readily available _____ us from the need to memorise everything.
7. It's a _____ how the Google effect has changed the way we access and process information.





THE GOOGLE EFFECT



Watch the video and complete the tasks.

1. Watch the video and put the parts of the video in the correct order.

- a) This phenomenon, known as digital amnesia, suggests we're outsourcing our memory to the Internet. _____
- b) Ever forget simple facts you've researched before? Welcome to the realm of the Google effect. _____
- c) The Google effect, a marvel of the modern mind or a memory crisis in the making? Ponder on that. _____
- d) While it liberates our cognitive abilities for other tasks, it simultaneously questions our dependence on technology for basic knowledge. _____
- e) Our brains are adapting alongside technology, prioritising the retrieval of information over memorisation. _____

2. Discuss the questions in pairs or mini-groups.

- 1. What Google effect/Digital amnesia is?
- 2. What are the potential benefits of outsourcing our memory to the Internet?
- 3. Do you believe the Google effect represents a marvel of the modern mind or a memory crisis in the making?



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