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Reading Released Items with Data Introduction Page / Data Definitions

This Released Items with Data document provides a subset of items from the 2015 administration of the PAWS test. The data for an item is on the page that follows that item. The following provides definitions for the data fields on the data page.

Passage Information:

Passage Accnum: Vendor identification code assigned to the passage

Title: Title of the passage/stimulus

Passage Ext. ID: Identification code assigned to the passage

Passage/Text Type: Mode or genre of passage (i.e.: informational/expository)

Item Information

Title: Title of the passage/stimulus the item belongs to

Passage/Text Type: Mode or genre of passage

2012 WyCPS Domain: Reporting category of the state content standards

2012 WyCPS Standard: State content standard

Item Code: Identification code assigned to the item

Admin: The year an item is administered

Item Type: The mode in which a student responds (MC means multiple-choice)

Correct Answer: The option letter (A, B, C, or D) that corresponds to the correct answer

Item Dok: The item's Depth of Knowledge designation, also called Cognitive Complexity;

- 1 - Recall and reproduction
- 2 - Skills and concepts
- 3 - Strategic and extended thinking

Total N-count: Number of students counted as taking the test in which the item appears during the listed administration (Includes item omissions)

Pvalue/Mean Score: For a multiple-choice item, the percent of students choosing the correct answer

Score Analysis

MC Row: Answer options available for students to choose from (including those who do not choose any option); an asterisk designates the correct answer

%Choosing Row: Percent of students choosing an option (or omitting)

Item Notes: Area where user can make notes

Passage Acnum:	VH090724	Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES	Passage Ext. ID:	WYR37P34
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository				

Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much?

Our reliance on search engines and the Internet is changing the way we process information. The question is whether that is a good thing or a bad thing.



YES

by Nicholas Carr, The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains

- 1 Who doesn't love Google?¹ In the blink of an eye, the search engine delivers useful information about pretty much any subject imaginable. I use it all the time, and I'm guessing you do too.
- 2 But I worry about what Google is doing to our brains. What really makes us intelligent isn't our ability to find lots of information quickly. It's our ability to think deeply about that information. And deep thinking, brain scientists have discovered, happens only when our minds are calm and attentive. The greater our concentration, the richer our thoughts.
- 3 If we're distracted, we understand less, remember less, and learn less.
- 4 That's the problem with Google—and with the Internet in general. When we use our computers and our cellphones all the time, we're always distracted.
- 5 The Net bombards us with messages and other bits of data, and every one of 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.
- 6 Google doesn't want us to slow down. The faster we zip across the Web,

¹ Google: a popular Internet search engine

clicking links and skimming words and pictures, the more ads Google is able to show us and the more money it makes. So even as Google is giving us all that useful information, it's also encouraging us to think superficially. It's making us shallow.

- 7 If you're really interested in developing your mind, you should turn off your computer and your cellphone—and start thinking. Really thinking. You can Google all the facts you want, but you'll never Google your way to brilliance.

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Passage Accnum:	VH090725	Title:	Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO	Passage Ext. ID:	WYR37P35
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository				

NO

by Peter Norvig, Director of Research, Google Inc.

- 1 Any new information technology has both advocates and critics. More than 2,000 years ago, the classical Greek philosopher Socrates complained that the new technology of writing “will create forgetfulness in the learners’ souls because they will not use their memories.”
- 2 Today, Google is the new technology. The Internet contains the world’s best writing, images, and ideas; Google lets us find the relevant pieces instantly.
- 3 Suppose I’m interested in the guidance computers on Apollo spacecraft in the 1960s. My local library has no books on that specific subject—just 18 books about the Apollo missions in general. I could hunt through those or turn to Google, which returns 45,000 pages, including a definitive encyclopedia article and instructions for building a unit.
- 4 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. By considering a wide range of information, we can arrive at more creative and informed solutions. Internet users are more likely to be exposed to a diversity of ideas. In politics, for example, they are likely to see ideas from left and right, and see how news is reported in other countries.
- 5 There’s no doubt the Internet can create distractions. But 81 percent of experts polled by the Pew Internet Research Project say the opportunities outweigh the distractions.
- 6 Socrates was wrong to fear the coming of the written word: Writing has improved our law, science, arts, culture, and our memory. When the history of our current age is written, it will say that Google has made us smarter—both individually and collectively—because we have ready and free access to information.

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00 Read this sentence from Paragraph 6 of "Yes."

So even as Google is giving us all that useful information, it's also encouraging us to think superficially.

Which word means the opposite of "superficially" as it is used in the sentence?

- A) Wisely
- B) Profoundly
- C) Exactly
- D) Objectively

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
2012 WyCPS Standard:	L.7.5b Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.
Item Code:	VH145413

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	B	2	659	0.282

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B*	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	42.185	28.225	10.319	19.272	0

Item Notes

00 How does Paragraph 2 in “Yes” support the main idea of the article?

- A) By introducing expert evidence
- B) By describing specific examples
- C) By providing relevant details
- D) By explaining a complicated argument

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Key Ideas and Details
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.2 Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
Item Code:	VH145438

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	A	2	672	0.266

Score Analysis					
MC	A*	B	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	26.637	25.298	23.958	24.107	0

Item Notes

00 According to the information in Paragraphs 3 through 5 of "Yes," how does technology most affect people?

- A) Technology causes people to remember ineffectively.
- B) Technology provides people with a choice of data-gathering tools.
- C) Technology prevents people from focusing intently on one concept.
- D) Technology allows people to process data from various sources.

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Key Ideas and Details
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.3 Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
Item Code:	VH145444

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	C	2	672	0.574

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C*	D	Omit
%Choosing	28.274	4.911	57.44	9.375	0

Item Notes

00 Read this statement.

Google may be more concerned with its own success than with the negative effects users might experience.

Which sentence from “Yes” best shows that the author would agree with the statement?

- A) But I worry about what Google is doing to our brains.
- B) The fact is, you’ll never think deeply if you’re always Googling, texting, and surfing.
- C) Google doesn’t want us to slow down.
- D) The faster we zip across the Web, clicking links and skimming words and pictures, the more ads Google is able to show us and the more money it makes.

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Craft and Structure
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.
Item Code:	VH145458

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	D	2	659	0.543

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C	D*	Omit
%Choosing	14.416	22.155	9.105	54.325	0

Item Notes

00 What does the word "advocates" mean as used in Paragraph 1 of "No"?

- A) People who convince others to try something new
- B) People who advise others of their legal rights
- C) People who analyze the cost of business
- D) People who support an idea or cause

Item Information	
Title:	Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Craft and Structure
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
Item Code:	VH145473

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	D	2	659	0.613

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C	D*	Omit
%Choosing	22.003	9.256	7.436	61.305	0

Item Notes

00 Which sentence best describes the main idea of Paragraph 3 in "No"?

- A) Google is an efficient tool for finding specific information.
- B) The library contains several books about space missions.
- C) Finding information about guidance computers is a difficult task.
- D) Google can help people find encyclopedia articles on different topics.

Item Information	
Title:	Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Key Ideas and Details
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.2 Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
Item Code:	VH145478

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	A	2	659	0.707

Score Analysis					
MC	A*	B	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	70.713	6.222	6.829	16.237	0

Item Notes

00 In Paragraph 4 of “No,” why does the author compare cars and telescopes with the Internet?

- A) To show that the Internet works the same way as other technologies
- B) To describe the differences between the Internet and other discoveries
- C) To explain that the Internet is as beneficial as other inventions of the past
- D) To analyze the characteristics of the Internet and other technological advances

Item Information	
Title:	Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Key Ideas and Details
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RL.7.3 Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
Item Code:	VH145485

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	C	3	672	0.476

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C*	D	Omit
%Choosing	27.381	10.268	47.619	14.732	0

Item Notes

00 Which of these is the main purpose of Paragraph 2 in “No”?

- A) To explain how to use Google
- B) To oppose an opinion about Google
- C) To highlight the importance of Google
- D) To describe the information found using Google

Item Information	
Title:	Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Craft and Structure
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.
Item Code:	VH145489

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	C	2	672	0.533

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C*	D	Omit
%Choosing	2.083	20.238	53.274	24.405	0

Item Notes

00 Read Paragraph 7 of "Yes."

If you're really interested in developing your mind, you should turn off your computer and your cellphone—and start thinking. Really thinking. You can Google all the facts you want, but you'll never Google your way to brilliance.

Read Paragraph 6 of "No."

Socrates was wrong to fear the coming of the written word: Writing has improved our law, science, arts, culture, and our memory. When the history of our current age is written, it will say that Google has made us smarter—both individually and collectively—because we have ready and free access to information.

Which sentence best describes how the tones of the paragraphs are different?

- A) The tone in "Yes" is cautious, while the tone in "No" is optimistic.
- B) The tone in "Yes" is distressed, while the tone in "No" is excited.
- C) The tone in "Yes" is surprised, while the tone in "No" is relieved.
- D) The tone in "Yes" is gloomy, while the tone in "No" is grateful.

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES / Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository / Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Craft and Structure
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
Item Code:	VH145500

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	A	3	672	0.531

Score Analysis					
MC	A*	B	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	53.125	14.435	11.458	20.536	0.446

Item Notes

00 Which graphic organizer, if added, would most help the reader understand the information presented in “Yes” and “No”?

- A) A timeline listing important dates in the history of search engines
- B) A T-chart listing the advantages and disadvantages of using search engines
- C) A pie chart showing the amounts of time students spend using the Internet
- D) A line graph showing yearly increases in Internet speed

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES / Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository / Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Craft and Structure
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.5 Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.
Item Code:	VH145507

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	B	2	672	0.769

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B*	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	6.399	76.935	10.565	5.952	0.149

Item Notes

00 Read this statement.

The author of “Yes” claims that today’s technology makes it difficult for people to stay on task and process new information.

Which sentence from “No” presents an argument against this claim?

- A) The Internet contains the world’s best writing, images, and ideas; Google lets us find the relevant pieces instantly.
- B) I could hunt through those or turn to Google, which returns 45,000 pages, including a definitive encyclopedia article and instructions for building a unit.
- C) Internet users are more likely to be exposed to a diversity of ideas.
- D) But 81 percent of experts polled by the Pew Internet Research Project say the opportunities outweigh the distractions.

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES / Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository / Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.8 Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.
Item Code:	VH145530

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	D	2	659	0.524

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B	C	D*	Omit
%Choosing	16.388	16.085	15.023	52.352	0.152

Item Notes

00 With which statement would both authors most likely agree?

- A) The Internet has proven to be the best invention of our time.
- B) The Internet has created easier access to information.
- C) Internet technologies can encourage creative outlets.
- D) Internet advertising is a necessary bother for users.

Item Information	
Title:	Do We Rely on Search Engines Too Much? YES / Do we Rely on Search Engines Too Much? NO
Passage/Text Type:	Informational/Expository / Informational/Expository
2012 WyCPS Domain:	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
2012 WyCPS Standard:	RI.7.9 Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.
Item Code:	VH145535

Admin:	Item Type:	Correct Answer:	Item Dok:	Total N-count:	Pvalue/Mean Score:
Spring 2015	MC	B	3	659	0.678

Score Analysis					
MC	A	B*	C	D	Omit
%Choosing	11.836	67.83	10.926	9.408	0

Item Notes