

## TV Rots the Brain



### Reading

The most recent research again confirms what parents and educators have said for years and years: TV rots the brain. Investigators followed a community of 678 mother-child pairs in upstate New York. All the children were 14 years of age, and the study continued for eight years. The results demonstrated that the more TV that teens watched, the greater the possibility for learning and attention problems. And with shorter attention spans, the children usually did poorer at school.

The researchers admit that they aren't sure on several points. Does TV lead to poor academic performance? Do poor performers at school tend to watch more TV? Or do factors such as poverty and neglect contribute to both increased TV time and lower grades? Yet the outcome remained clear for those glued to the idiot box. These children were more likely to be lax at school. They avoided homework, were bored in the classroom, dropped out of high school, and even had a general hatred toward school and learning.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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