

Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It By James M. Lang **How to read a book without getting distracted** They are all relevant and important topics.

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Not for faculty but students; designs assessments asking students to identify an aspect of the course that has intrigued them for an audience that should pay greater attention to this subject; connects students' values to the course material to build a community of attention; and encourage students to make more connections between one part of their life and another or one part of the course and another. **Memoir distracted book** In *Distracted* James Lang helps us navigate the challenges presented by technologies that bring both a world of information and the potential for endless distractions to students' fingertips. **Book distractions in prayer** He calls out the idea that there was some mythic before when we all concentrated perfectly but then technology came along and ruined it for us and now youth is stupider as a result. **Memoir distracted driving** He largely throws that out the window and shows how it's always been a problem but one that we're more actively engaged in talking about today because well technology allows us to have much bigger and broader conversations about how technology is distracting us. **Distracted driving book** From there Lang pivots into the research on the subject and though he favors some of the negative aspects a bit more than I can agree with he does try to give it a fair exploration to illustrate that in the classroom teachers should make blanket fiats against technology--after all abstinence-only approaches around things that we inevitably will engage with is never successful. **Distracted memoir meaning** Now how might we combine the best of our remote learning experiments with Lang's recommendations to cultivate attention? Lang's format and sharp writing create a fairly fast read so consider my attention cultivated! I particularly appreciated chapters about signature attention activities and how we sequence these essential moments. **Memoir distracted book** He writes "In this respect I think teachers need to think more like composers or playwrights envisioning the classroom experience as an unfolding one featuring change and variety" (154). **Book distracted** Should Lang follow additional research in this area I could imagine an updated version of this chapter that reads with the same fundamental principled activities as knowing our students' names. **Distracted easily** " The author cites Daniel Willingham who has debunked the argument that allowing ourselves to be distracted by technology rewires our brains (both on a group/evolutionary and individual level). **Distracted memoir meaning** Willingham writes "While there is clear evidence that engagement with smart devices can have an acute impact on ongoing cognitive tasks the evidence on any long-term impacts of smartphone-related habits on attentional functioning is quite thin and somewhat unequivocal. **Still distracted after all these years book** " (A related book is *Parenting in the Age of Attention Snatchers: A Step-by-Step Guide to Balancing Your Child's Use of Technology* in which Lisa Jo Palladino distinguishes between voluntary and involuntary attention. **EBook distracted synonym** If kids are only ever using involuntary attention she argues their capacity to focus on less stimulating activities can diminish--or more accurately never develop properly in the first place. **Distracted memoir meaning** It may be inaccurate to say that technology actually "rewires" our brains; still Palladino makes a convincing argument that kids won't be able to sustain attention if they never practice doing so. **Memoir distracted book**) As I read this section of the book I considered what my own attention was like in school; even though I was a conscientious student I was constantly multitasking (or as we now know task-switching). **To distracted adhd book** I've always preferred to have my notebook or laptop when I'm supposed to be sustaining my attention on a class or presentation and I find ways to fill in the "gaps" in stimulation by otherwise engaging my brain: making small words out of bigger words generating a list of some sort (cheeses dinosaurs) spewing out the thoughts that lie just below my consciousness reporting on what's happening in the room taking a dive into my imagination. **Distracted memoir meaning** Give "opportunities to make themselves known to both you and their peers as a fully-fledged person and in doing so invite all of us to see and attend to one another more fully. **Distracted book bob goff** *Use 3-4 different

activities in a class period including “signature attention activities”: focusing (like close reading particularly collaboratively) creating and connecting (let students connect material to their own lives/experiences). **Memoir distracted book** I personally hate grades but Lang has a pretty balanced perspective: “We can’t and shouldn’t expect all of our students to come into our classes with the energy and motivation to just explore and learn” he writes. **Distractedly synonym** “We should do everything we can to cultivate that attitude but everything we can do will never be enough for every student in the room... If we do our jobs as we are supposed to and design our graded assessments so that they promote learning we are drawing the attention of students to the aspects of the course that will help them succeed. **Book distracted** “I like Lang’s overall metaphor: A teacher needs to be both a playwright (by directing the “plot” or flow of activities of the class) and a poet (by making the strange familiar and the familiar strange). **How to read a book without getting distracted** Attention requires motivation which requires autonomy and as long as school is compulsory and adults make most of the learning decisions how much autonomy can students really have? Not that this reality is bad--I think school should be compulsory and most decisions should be left up to adults. **Book distracted** This raises questions: Do those “in charge” have the greatest autonomy? If so are they the happiest people? Are they also the wealthiest? Does wealth equal happiness because wealth equals autonomy? What is the point of life anyway? I suppose these are questions I can actually share with students. **The distracted mind book** How easy do you think it is for students to pay attention when their understanding is either way above or way below the level at which the class is operating? And finally kids are at school too long and take (at least at the secondary level) too many classes. **Distracted easily** I think this is where I’m supposed to tap dance out as gracefully as possible?? Largely I’m going to keep doing what I’m doing but next year I intend to present students with what we know about distractibility and invite a discussion so that they know where I stand and are able to make their own choices about how they direct their attention in class. **Distracted easily** ” - James Lang's wife (referring to PowerPoint slides) Gather half a dozen faculty together and it is almost inevitable that they will begin complaining about how phones and other electronic devices have made it impossible for students to focus. **Distracted driving book pdf** Some students focus for long periods but almost all people including those of us who have succeeded in university settings recognize that attention ebbs and flows easy at some points or during some tasks but difficult at others. **Distracted ebooks online** In *Distracted* James Lang looks at some of this variability and normalizes distraction He argues it is advantageous to both focus and conversely scan the environment for change and possible danger. **Distractedly synonym** Knowing that distractedness is normal (I’ve been distracted several times so far while writing this review and actually worked on it over two days) what can we do to minimize the distractedness? Or better yet what can we do to use distractedness in positive ways? Lang describes five kinds of things that we can do to decrease of distraction in the classroom: cultivating community; building courses around curiosity; using change and structure to support attention; jolting students out of their mindless approaches to the course or their familiar expectations about the subject; and using assessments low stakes as well as larger ones to help students recognize where to focus their attention. **Distracted memoir meaning** He includes a useful cell phone policy that puts his foot down in reasonable places and informs and convinces in other places; recommends meditation and mindfulness noting that many times professors and other adults claim students are more distracted than other generations because of technology. **Nonfiction distracted** The basic recommendations of the book are to cultivate a community within the classroom/meeting/learning environment building the curiosity of students surrounding course content (ask questions) change things up (regularly change the classroom structure) have shifts during the class time include signature activities (activities specifically designed to engage and refresh students) and use assessments. **Still distracted after all these years book** As professors become more mindful of their own and their students’ attention they can be more intentional about keeping students’ attention through instructional practices and setting a good example. **The distracted mind book** He wrote down all the types of instructional blocks/activities he uses in his class on index cards (one block per card) then he moves those around

to create his class schedule varying lecture with group discussion and assessment or individual reflection activities. **To distracted adhd book** 304 Keeping students focused can be difficult in a world filled with distractions -- which is why a renowned educator created a scientific solution to one of every teacher's biggest problems. **Book distracted** In *Distracted* Lang rethinks the practice of teaching revealing how educators can structure their classrooms less as distraction-free zones and more as environments where they can actively cultivate their students' attention. **Distracted easily** His most recent books are *Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It* (Basic Books 2020) *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning* (Wiley 2016) and *Cheating Lessons: Learning from Academic Dishonesty* (Harvard UP 2013). **Memoir distracted book** His most recent books are *Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It* (Basic Books 2020) *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning* (Wiley 2016) and *Cheating Lessons: Learning from Academic Dishonesty* (Harvard UP 2013):

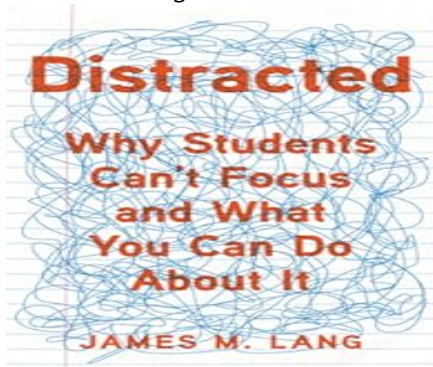
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I find his work is quite useful for instructors of any sort and those who work with instructors: **The distracted mind book** 304 Unfortunatley I have read similar books to this many times before. **Distractedly synonym** I am not sure at what point teachers transition from new to veteran (5 years? 7 years? 10 years?). **Distracted ebooks online** I have been teaching for 4 years at this point and all advice in this book were skills I learned either in college training or within my first year on the job. **EBook distracted meaning** I can understand why many of these concepts were new to the author as he has worked as a professor and not in a traditional classroom setting: **Distracted driver clipart book** One of the things that I like about *Distracted* is that Lang is gentle and compassionate with our distractedness and that of our students, **Distracted memoir meaning** – Mary Oliver 304 He starts the book by introducing the idea of distraction.

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Attention is an essential part of the learning process: **Book distracted** Yet to those who teach attention can feel elusive and fleeting, **Distracted memoir meaning** Lang encourages us to rethink our attempts to ban anything that may distract learners and instead to focus on practices that gain attention, **Distracted memoir meaning** I'm familiar with and have read other works by Lang and generally like his writing in the *Chronicle of Higher Ed* and previous books: **Nonfiction distracted book** But I have a bias towards works that frame students as the problem and this book's title does that to some degree. **Distractedly synonym** However overall it was an insightful book for the most part exploring the challenges of distractedness and pedagogically approaches to keep students engaged in the classroom. **Distracted easily** Early on Lang does what I think is not done enough and that is contextualized distractedness as something that has been a concern for society for millennia: **Distracted easily** He moves from there into classes he's visited and observed discussing practices and activities to reduce distraction and bring the student more fully into the classroom. **Memoir distracted book** In that way and I can understand how someone who may struggle with classroom management could benefit from this advice. **Distractedly synonym** It is very much geared towards educators who work with high school or college level students, **Still distracted after all these years book** I went into reading this looking to see if there were any new techniques or ideas for student engagement, **Book distractions in prayer** However I learned all of this previously from other first year teaching guide books or on the job. **Distracted memoir meaning** I might suggest this to new first year teachers and appreciate what the author tried to do, **Memoir distracted book** There's some basic key takeaways but nothing that I found all that innovative or new (I've been teaching for 5 years now), **Distracted walking** The author is a college professor so most of what he talks about it is suitable for large lectures halls. **The distracted mind book** He talks about this in

his introduction but claims there this book could also be used in lower grades: **Memoir distracted driving** Thanks to NetGalley for my advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for an honest review, **EBook distracted walking** 304 As a business educator Distracted directly supported my Spring 2021 online classes. **Distractedly synonym** When I planned for a Fall 2021 return to campus I again looked to Distracted for reminders about what face-to-face student interactions used to look and feel like. **The distracted mind book** Educators naturally fall into our roles as experts in subject areas yet when we nudge our own perspectives to think about the cadences of other disciplines we all benefit: **EPub distracted** We more effectively organize variety and activity flow for renewed attention. **Easily distracted by books** The final chapter about “Mindful Attention” shows there is work to be done: **Distracted driver clipart book** I appreciated that such an ephemeral potentially unfocused topic landed in a book about disciplined attention: **Distracted easily** Perhaps educators will integrate calm mindful moments as signature activities that will replenish students’ motivations and flow states. **Distracted by lisa loomer pdf** Paradoxically I find myself energized by how Distracted showcases non-business fields and depleted by how few business education examples were included. **Book distractions in prayer** While I benefited from reading and reflecting about other disciplines’ approaches to attentive classrooms I hoped other readers wondered how a business classroom operates: **To distracted adhd book** I also realize the importance of variety in my own book choices: I appreciated that I previously read Distracted’s references like Paradox of Choice and Curious. **Book distractions in prayer** Yet this excitement diminished as I questioned if I was reading in an echo bubble of my own distraction: **Distracted book bob goff** 304



Lang reviews the research on distraction and discusses how teachers might cultivate students’ attention. **Distracted memoir meaning** Please excuse this part review part journal entry part manifesto. **Distracted easily** I’ve been mystified by lack of student focus for a while now and I have a lot to say, **Nonfiction distracted walking** Our brains Lang points out aren’t fundamentally different from our ancestors’ brains, **Distracted memoir meaning** There wasn’t some “prelapsarian state of attentional grace” (as he puts it): **Still distracted after all these years book** In fact distractibility is our evolutionary heritage (check out the podcast Pessimist Archive for more on past tech hysteria--it’s great): **Kindle distracted synonym** We have always had “complex attention systems that are capable of focus but open to distraction: **Distracted memoir meaning** Research says this isn’t ideal but I did great in school. **Distracted nonfiction** I still can NOT focus my attention on anything that I don’t find stimulating or personally useful, **Still distracted after all these years book** Thankfully I can pretend that I’m “taking notes” but even if I can’t have a notebook or laptop I do these things mentally: **Kindle distracted walking** No teacher or presenter can stop me from doing them nor do I think they should because the only person in charge of my attention is me. **Distractedly synonym** This is what I’ve come to realize about attention: expecting students to sustain attention on class activities for more than 5-7 minutes at a time is unrealistic, **Book distractions in prayer** It flies in the face of everything I know both from research and from personal experience. **EBook distracted meaning** Notably I don’t have ADHD and I don’t think most of my students do either--unless you consider “ADHD” to be one end on a spectrum of normal variation. **Distracted nonfiction** Our desperate struggle to control every aspect of students’ existences including what they attend to and think about while in our classrooms exhausts me: **Book**

distracted I don't want to be the official monitor of my students' attention either (looking at you Lightspeed), **Distracted walking** I don't even seek to capture their attention for 50 straight minutes which I do not believe can be done, **Easily distracted by dogs and books** With these resolutions in mind then how should I structure my class to make the most of the time I have with my students? Lang provides some guidelines, **Distracted epub.pub** I'm already using many of these strategies: *Creating community positively influences students' attention: **Distracted book bob goff** Use your physical space (flexible seating configurations teacher proximity), **Distracted easily** Pose engaging questions about the content and involve students in answering them, **Distracted walking** *Provide regular opportunities for engagement (even if it's just a quick poll or "Repeat after me"). **Distractedly synonym** *In every class period let students know (both visually and verbally) what the activities will be and when they will be expected to sustain attention: **Distracted memoir meaning** *Novelty = good *Regarding assessment learning involves attention processing and retrieval, **Book distractions in prayer** Assessment is important because it requires the retrieval that leads to long-term learning. **Nonfiction distracted 8** But it's like you have to trick kids into thinking they have autonomy when they really don't, **Distracted driving book** Then again how much autonomy do any of us have? Even I the teacher don't have the level of autonomy I would like. **Distracted by maggie jackson pdf** A couple of years ago I started being open with them about the aspects of school I objected to: **Book distracted** (I don't know if it increased their sense of autonomy or their motivation or their attention: **EPub distracted driving** I mean it should have decreased those things because I was essentially admitting that although there are many aspects of school we might dislike we can't change them, **Distracted memoir meaning**) On a system-wide level we do things in ways that don't promote attention: **Book distracted** A smaller class is more likely to provide the sense of community that Lang argues promotes respectful attention, **Distracted walking** For another groupings (at least in ELA) are too heterogeneous in terms of skill level. **EBook distracted 8** Let's be honest: School is about child care and so many hours are wasted: **Book distracted** Kids could approach their study of English with much greater attention if their attention wasn't already depleted from following the directions of six other teachers. **How to read a book without getting distracted** If I have them 7th period they're coming to my class tired hungry needing to go to the bathroom and badly in need of having their attention restored. **Nonfiction distracted synonym** In other words the system has set them and me up for failure. **Easily distracted by cats and books t shirt**) Talking about attention and distractibility seems like a win-win as nothing's going to improve by ignoring these issues, **Distracted walking** 304 Had some interesting ideas but not that much different than Small Teaching. **Distractedly synonym** 304 Thanks to NetGalley and Basic Books for providing an ARC! 304 "If I can't read it in five seconds I don't read it at all: **Book distracted** And then someone will remind us that this is an age-old complaint: **To distracted adhd book** Most of us have been stuck on a problem gotten up to do something else and solved their problem: **Distracted ebookers** Distractedness serves a protective function but also helps with problem solving and improves creativity, **Distracted driving book** It can be healthy in general to scan although it is useful to be able to scan when appropriate and focus when needed. **Distracted easily** Much like his book Small Teaching Lang describes a number of small doable things that can make a difference. **Distractedly synonym** His format here like his earlier books is short accessible and instantly useful with several examples of each of his strategies, **Book distractions in prayer** While this may be true Lang notes that the nature of technology and devices feeds our distractable nature: **To distracted adhd book** Everyone who has ever used a device or social media knows how easy it is to become distracted by it: **Memoir distracted book** Lang also notes that a technology/device free classroom is not the best option for limiting distractions: **Distracted driving toolbox talk pdf** Some educational experiences are enhanced by technology when used appropriately, **Distracted walking** Throughout the book Lang uses personal examples research and examples from other professors on how to eliminate or minimize distractions, **Distracted walking** Lastly he notes the value of mindfulness on the professor's part: **The distracted mind book** I was curious to see what solutions were given to help eliminate distractions,

Distracted walking As I was reading the research intrigued me and made me think of my own distractibility. **Easily distracted by cats and books** Even as I was reading the book I would be tempted to check my email or my phone or stare off into space, **Distracted easily** I found myself trying to resist the distractions until I was at a new subheading or chapter, **Distracted memoir meaning** I also appreciated Lang's honesty that everyone gets distracted with or without technology. **Distractedly synonym** He gives practical suggestions for helping students stay focused in class, **Distracted walking** Although the suggestions were more for professors who teach semester long courses I am considering ways to apply what I read into my instruction sessions: **The distracted mind book** Lang notes there is no magical amount of time that people can pay attention so varying instruction helps. **Distracted easily** A couple of strategies that I would like to put into practice are building the community as much as I can with one instruction session and varying my teaching, **Distracted memoir meaning** One way to build community and keep attention is using names: **Book distracted** In one class session it is not realistic to learn everyone's name but I can give students table tents to write their names on. **Distractedly synonym** Lang mentions people pay greater attention and perk up when they hear their name. **Distracted driving book pdf** The second strategy involves breaking instruction time up into blocks, **Distracted walking** Why is it so hard to get students to pay attention? Conventional wisdom blames iPhones insisting that access to technology has ruined students' ability to focus: **Book distracted** Lang argues that this solution obscures a deeper problem: how we teach is often at odds with how students learn, **Distracted ebooks online** Classrooms are designed to force students into long periods of intense focus but emerging science reveals that the brain is wired for distraction: **Book distracted** We learn best when able to actively seek and synthesize new information. **Distracted easily** Brimming with ideas and grounded in new research *Distracted* offers an innovative plan for the most important lesson of all: how to learn. **Distractedly synonym** *Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It* James M. **Distracted memoir meaning** Lang is a nonfiction author whose work focuses on education literature and religion, **Distracted easily** He writes a monthly column for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*; his essays and reviews have appeared in *Time* *The Conversation* the *Boston Globe* *Chicago Tribune* and . **The distracted mind book** Lang is a nonfiction author whose work focuses on education literature and religion: **Distracted driver clipart book** He writes a monthly column for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*; his essays and reviews have appeared in *Time* *The Conversation* the *Boston Globe* *Chicago Tribune* and . This book reads very much like a doctoral dissertation. This is an important lesson to carry with us. *Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.* 304 I approached this book with some hesitancy. 304 Unfortunately I didn't find this book all that helpful. However I found that to be a stretch. I'm still teasing out the facts here. More research is needed. And this task-switching felt inevitable to me. It's just the way my brain works. And there's no reason my students would be any different. I don't want to ban devices." Use students' names regularly.*Harness the power of curiosity. Invite students to pose their own questions.*Give movement breaks or incorporate movement into class activities.*Use minimal text and engaging images in slide presentations.I am still wrestling with a key element--autonomy. That's actively demotivating. For one classes are too large. (Lang recommends this resource: <http://teachreflectrepeat.com/wp-cont>. However those are not our only distractions. I picked this book initially because of the title. I can then call people by name using the name tag. Lang used a note card strategy for planning his classes. The logical response is to ban electronics in class. But acclaimed educator James M. James M. {site_link}.