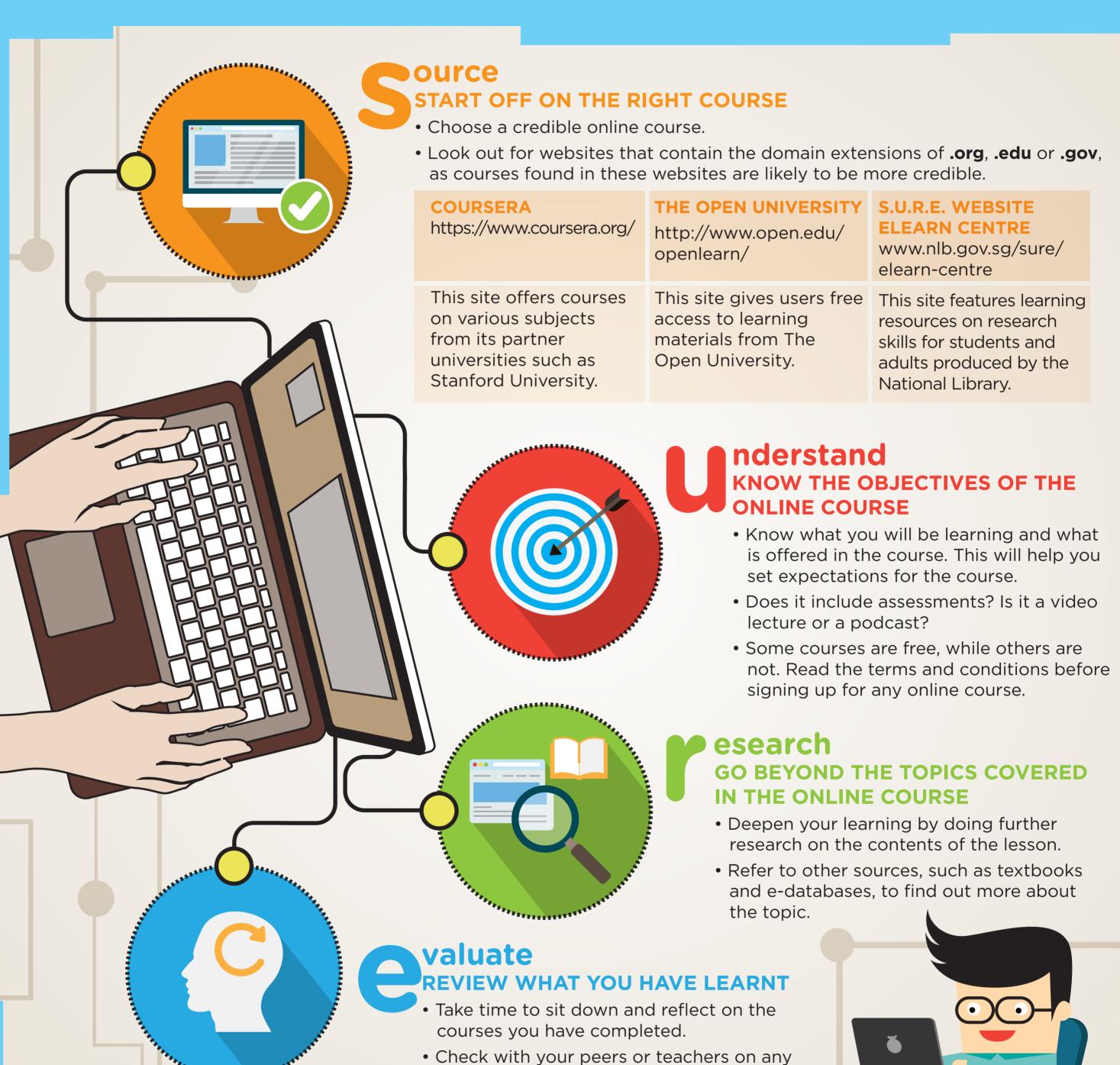# THE WAY TO EFFECTIVE E-LEARNING

Through Information and Communication Technology (ICT), anyone can readily access educational resources and learn through online courses or e-learning portals.

Here is how you can use the 4 ways of S.U.R.E. to be a discerning online learner.

Source
START OFF ON THE RIGHT COURSE

- Choose a credible online course.
- Look out for websites that contain the domain extensions of **.org**, **.edu** or **.gov**, as courses found in these websites are likely to be more credible.

COURSERA https://www.coursera.org/	THE OPEN UNIVERSITY http://www.open.edu/openlearn/	S.U.R.E. WEBSITE ELEARN CENTRE www.nlb.gov.sg/sure/elearn-centre
This site offers courses on various subjects from its partner universities such as Stanford University.	This site gives users free access to learning materials from The Open University.	This site features learning resources on research skills for students and adults produced by the National Library.

Understand
KNOW THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ONLINE COURSE

- Know what you will be learning and what is offered in the course. This will help you set expectations for the course.
- Does it include assessments? Is it a video lecture or a podcast?
- Some courses are free, while others are not. Read the terms and conditions before signing up for any online course.

research
GO BEYOND THE TOPICS COVERED IN THE ONLINE COURSE

- Deepen your learning by doing further research on the contents of the lesson.
- Refer to other sources, such as textbooks and e-databases, to find out more about the topic.

evaluate
REVIEW WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

- Take time to sit down and reflect on the courses you have completed.
- Check with your peers or teachers on any parts which you do not understand.

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evaluate Find the balance. Exercise fair judgement.

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