

AN EFFECTIVE 21ST CENTURY TEACHER



Teaching is a profession that requires passion, lots of patience and dedication. However, it is also one of the most rewarding professions in the world. Teachers have the power to inspire their students and influence them to become productive members of the society. Effective teachers never stop learning. They are constantly on the lookout for new information related to teaching. They research and deploy different learning resources and tools. To deliver effective learning, teachers equip themselves with leadership, creativity, communication, collaboration, and ICT/technology skills. They learn how to leverage emerging technologies & tools to create fun learning environment and increase student engagement.

By adopting new pedagogies like Flipped Classroom, Project-based Learning, Gamification, Inquiry-based Learning, Design Thinking and Competency-based Learning – 21st century teachers make their teaching more effective. It helps them achieve their teaching goals, equip students with new-age skills, and improve student learning outcomes.



Habits of effective 21st Century Teachers:

-  Engage in lifelong learning
-  Embrace flexible teaching methods
-  Create effective learning environments
-  Improve technology skills

Here's how to become an effective 21st Century Teacher



Redesign lesson plans digitally

While redesigning lesson plans for an online learning environment, teachers need to focus on the learning objectives – how to make learning interesting that engages students and improves their academic performance. They should explore all the features/options of their school's Learning Management System (LMS) or online platform. Adding gaming elements, interactive videos, quizzes, social learning etc. in the lesson plans will help them create an enjoyable digital learning experience for students. It will motivate students to continue learning and develop essential 21st century skills that they need to thrive in the digital future.



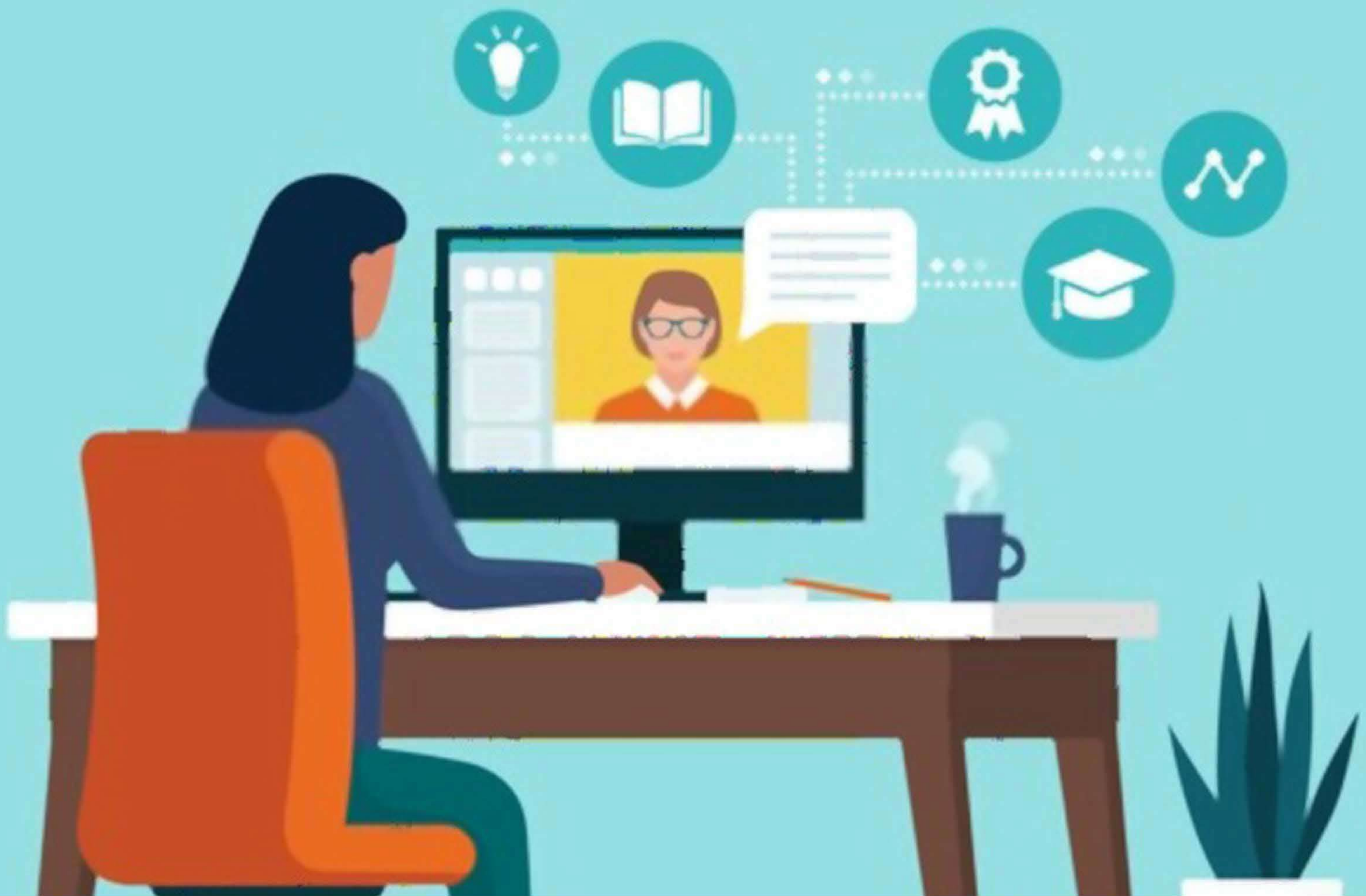
Build upon students' prior knowledge

Teachers need to understand students' baseline of previous knowledge and skills so that they can build upon them and deliver effective learning. They can ask questions or give quizzes that will easily guide them on what students already know. Once teachers learn about students' prior knowledge and skills/abilities, they can offer personalized learning to each student through competency-based learning – a method that is tailored to meet different learning abilities that helps in improving their learning outcomes. It allows students to grow based on their ability to master a skill or competency at their own pace.

Set & communicate expectations

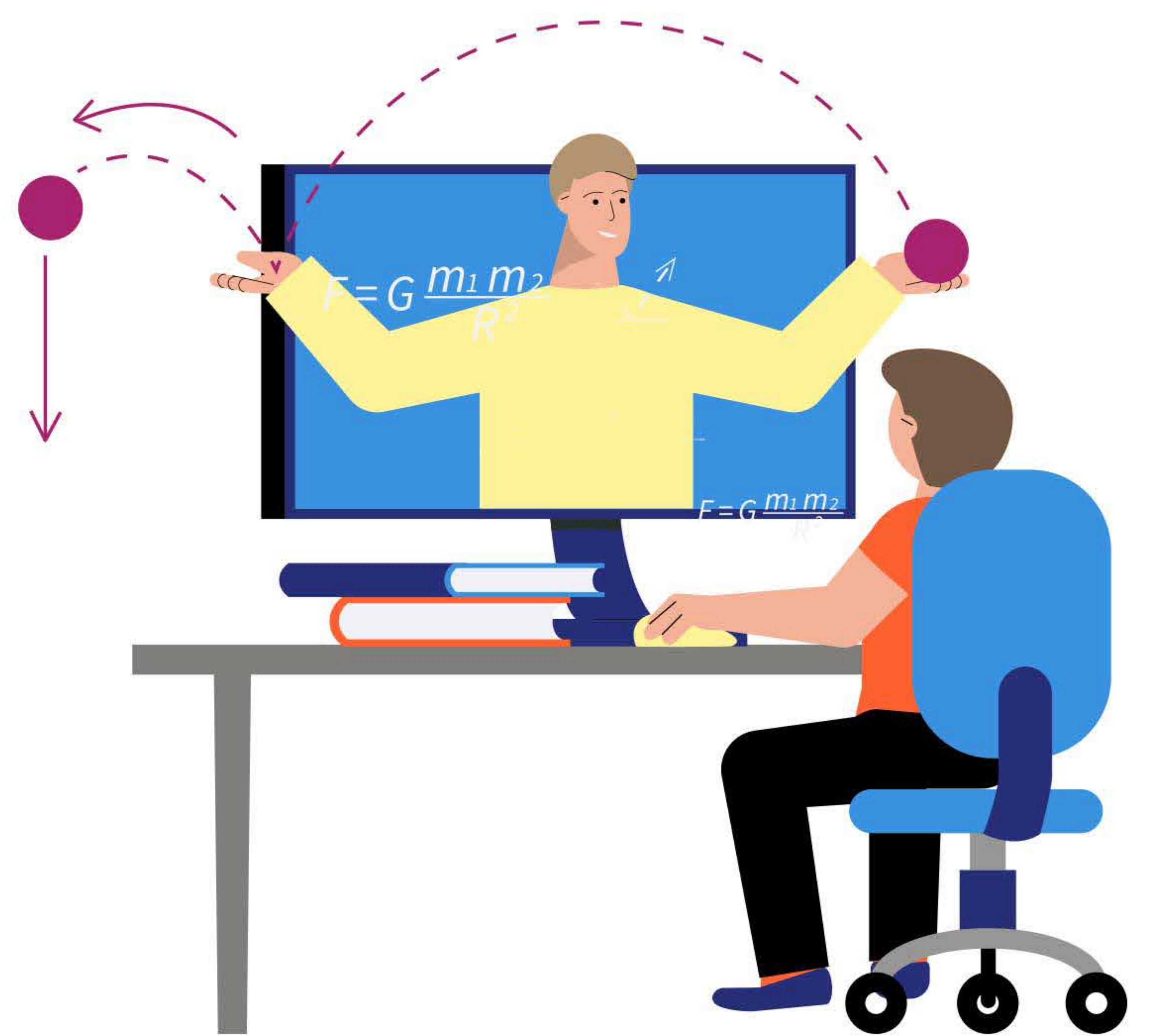
In an online learning environment, it is imperative that teachers set and clearly communicate a list of expectations at the beginning of the class/module to keep all students on track. For instance, teachers should make clear what coursework & homework is expected of them, what the assessment criteria will be, and what students can expect from them in terms of availability, support, and communication. Once the expectations are communicated, students will be motivated to work through the checklist of expectations and accordingly prepare to improve their academic performance.





Encourage student interaction

Teachers need to show their presence in an online learning environment. In case of synchronous online learning, students attend the class session online and access the content at the same time as their teacher and classmates. With synchronous learning, students have the opportunity for more conversation and interaction. But asynchronous learning where students access the content in their own time at their own pace doesn't allow interaction with teachers. So, teachers can make an opening video for each new topic/module which will give it a face and personality. Through the video, they can ask students to reach out to them for queries to facilitate more interaction and improve student understanding of the content.



Upskill to reignite passion

Teachers have an enormous passion for their subject. While teaching in physical classrooms, they could easily show their passion and enthusiasm that made learning an interesting & fun experience for students. Lately - the pandemic, sudden shift to online learning and the stress to meet the deadlines have made teaching, a challenging task. Teachers need to upskill & reignite their passion through Professional Development Programs. These programs will teach them how to use technology to reduce their routine tasks and focus on nurturing skills of students to enable them to become creators, problem-solvers, and innovators.



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