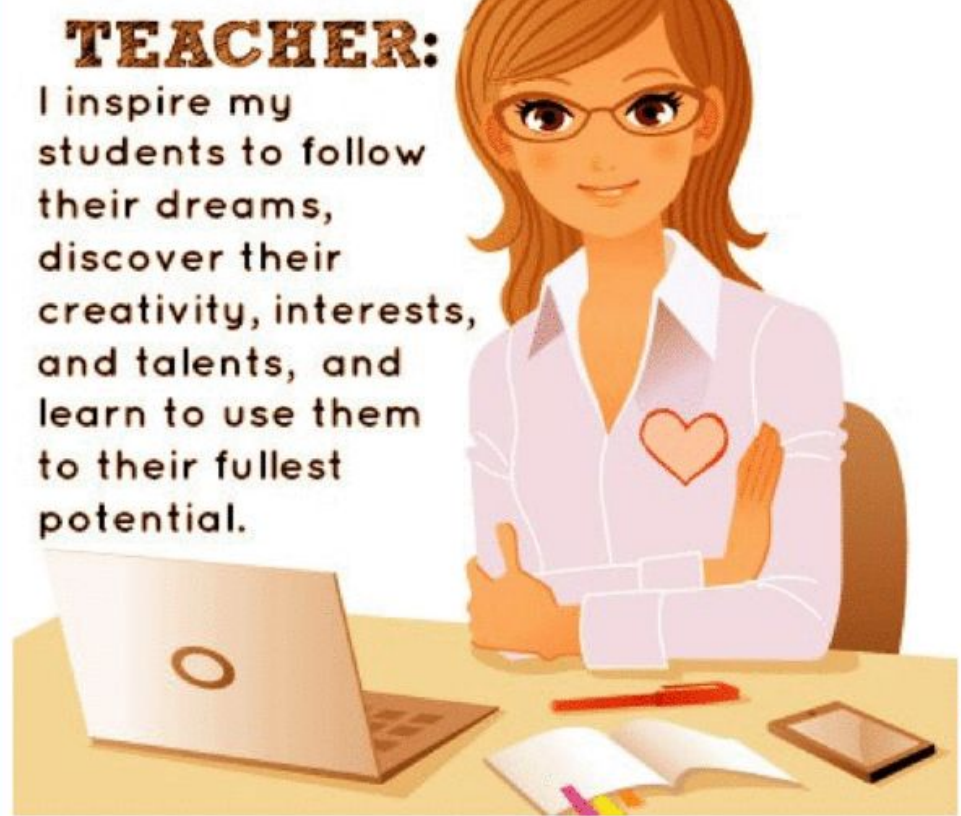


# THE ROLE OF A MODERN TEACHER : Mezenina Natalya

## TEACHER:

I inspire my students to follow their dreams, discover their creativity, interests, and talents, and learn to use them to their fullest potential.





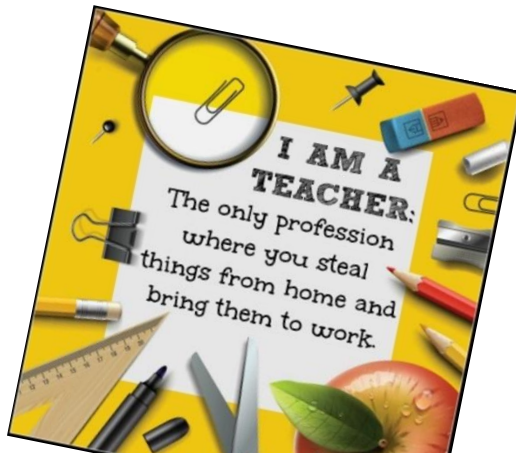
Dornyei and Murphey (203, 109) have defined the term „role“ as a technical term which originally comes from sociology and refers to the shared expectation of how an individual should behave.

Several methodologists like Little Wood [1981], Richards and Rodgers [1986], Tudor [1993], Harmer [2001] have evolved different roles for a language teacher.

Richards and Rodgers conceive a teacher's role as a part of „design“, component of a method.

Little Wood conceptualizes the role of the teacher as a facilitator of learning, an overseer, a classroom manager, a consultant or adviser and at times a co-communicator with the learners.

To Harmer, a teacher plays the role of a controller, organizer, assessor, promoter, participant, resource, tutor and observer. Tudor also perceives the role of a teacher in the learner centered classroom.



Teachers  
open a  
window  
to the  
world.

Task Based Language Teaching (TBLT), the current paradigm is basically an off shoot of

Communicative Language Teaching. Nuan (2004,12) points out „experiential learning or learning by doing “ as the main conceptual basis for the TBLT.

The TBLT breaks down the barriers of the traditional classroom, because in the TBLT,

the role of the learner is significantly altered.

The teacher becomes a true facilitator of learning for the language learners, purely by means of dialogic communication (Vygotsky, 1978).

The teacher’s role is not shunned altogether but is restricted; the teacher is expected

to be a guide by



Education system has changed completely – nowadays being teacher does not mean only being a helper in difficult process of getting education; it means being creative and highly talented “guide”, which accompanies a student in all way of studying.

In the past teachers used to be the major source of knowledge, the leader and educator of their students' school life. Teachers would organise after-school activities.

They used to be the authority in the class and often took over the role of parents.

Nowadays schools need to teach their learners how to gain information and how to select and use them. This happens so quickly that students learn how to use the Internet together with their teachers. Nowadays, teachers provide information and show their students how to tackle.

Although they are still considered to be a kind of leader in the class, they can be thought of as facilitators in the learning process.





## Professional Development Skills for Modern Teachers

### 1. Adaptability

In this modern, digital age, teachers need to be flexible and be able to adapt to whatever is thrown their way. New technologies are developed every day that can change the way students learn, and the way teachers teach.

### 2. Communication

Being able to communicate with not only your students but with parents and staff is an essential skill.

### 3. Team Player

Part of being a teacher is being able to work together as part of a team. Educators call this "team teaching." When you work together as a team it provides students with a better chance to learn and have fun.





#### 4. Continuous Learner

Teaching is a lifelong learning process. There is always something to learn when you are teacher. The world is always changing, along with the curriculum and educational technology, so it's up to you, the teacher, to keep up with it.

#### 5. Imaginative

The most effective tool a teacher can use is their imagination. Teachers need to be creative and think of unique ways to keep their students engaged in learning, especially now that many states have implemented the Common Core Learning Standards into their curriculum.

#### 6. Leadership

An effective teacher is a mentor and knows how to guide her students in the right direction. She leads by example and is a good role model. She encourages students and leads them to a place of success.



## 7. Innovative

Innovation comes in all shapes and sizes, but a great teacher today needs to embrace the new and promote innovative leadership and pedagogy across all layers and roles of the learning community.

## 10. Commitment

While being committed to your job is a traditional teaching skill, it is also a modern one. A modern teacher needs to always be engaged in their profession.

## 11. Ability to Manage Online Reputation

This 21st-century, modern teaching skill is definitely a new one. In this digital age most, if not all, teachers are online, which means they have an "Online reputation."

## 12. Ability to Engage

Modern teachers know how to find engaging resources. In this digital age, it is essential to find materials and resources for students that will keep them interested. This means keeping up to date on new learning technologies and apps, and browsing the web and connecting to fellow teachers. Anyway that you can engage students and keep things interesting is a must.

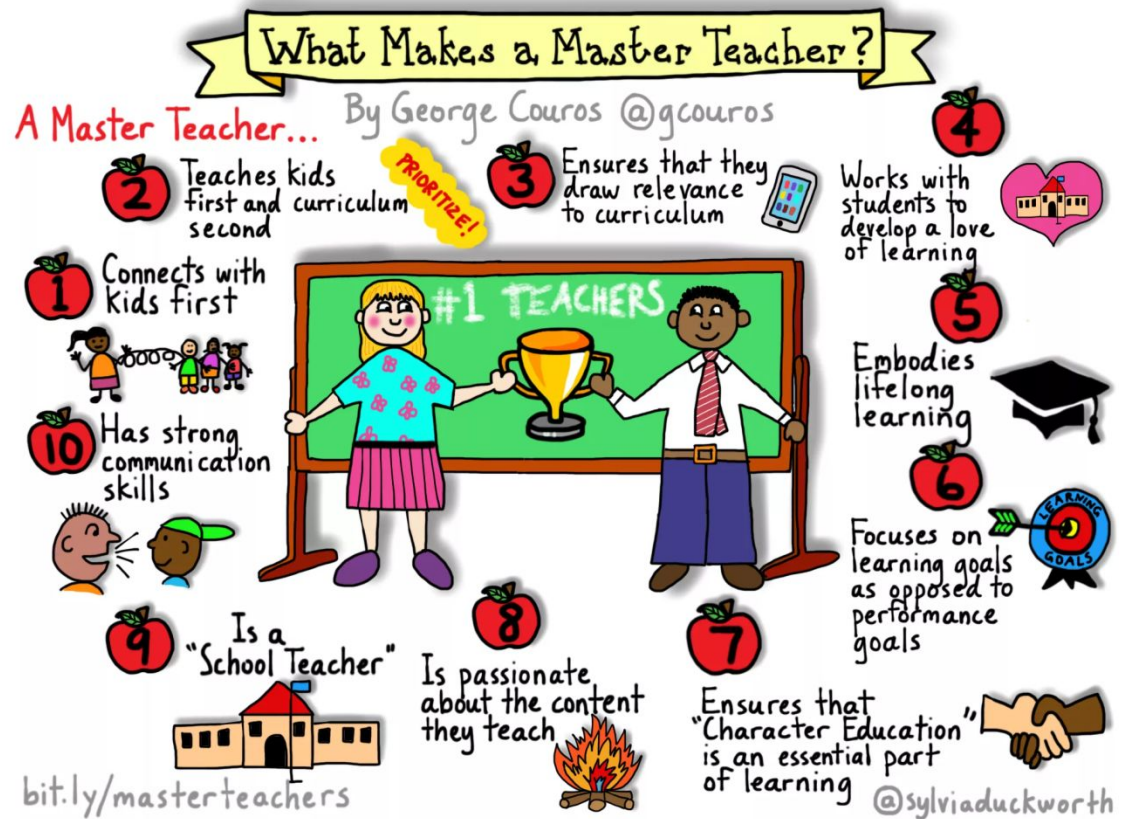
## 13. Know When to Slow Down

Modern teachers know when it's time to kick their heels up, unplug from social media, and relax. They also understand that the teacher burnout rate is at a maximum high right now, so it's even more critical for them to take the time to slow down and take a moment for themselves.




# Nowadays Teacher have following roles

- ❖ Instructor
- ❖ Organizer
- ❖ Prompter
- ❖ Participant
- ❖ Resource
- ❖ Tutor
- ❖ Activator
- ❖ Observer
- ❖ Mentor
- ❖ Supporter
- ❖ Manager
- ❖ Assessor







In the 21st century classroom, teachers are facilitators of student learning and creators of

productive classroom environments, in which students can develop the skills they might need at present or in future.

The teacher's role is never static. One activity could see an experienced teacher smoothly

transition from one role to another.

Teachers do not play only one role, but do any of these 8 roles depending on situation and the aim. Teachers need to think what role they have to adopt when students do something or need their help.

“Teaching is the one  
profession that creates  
all other professions.”

-Unknown