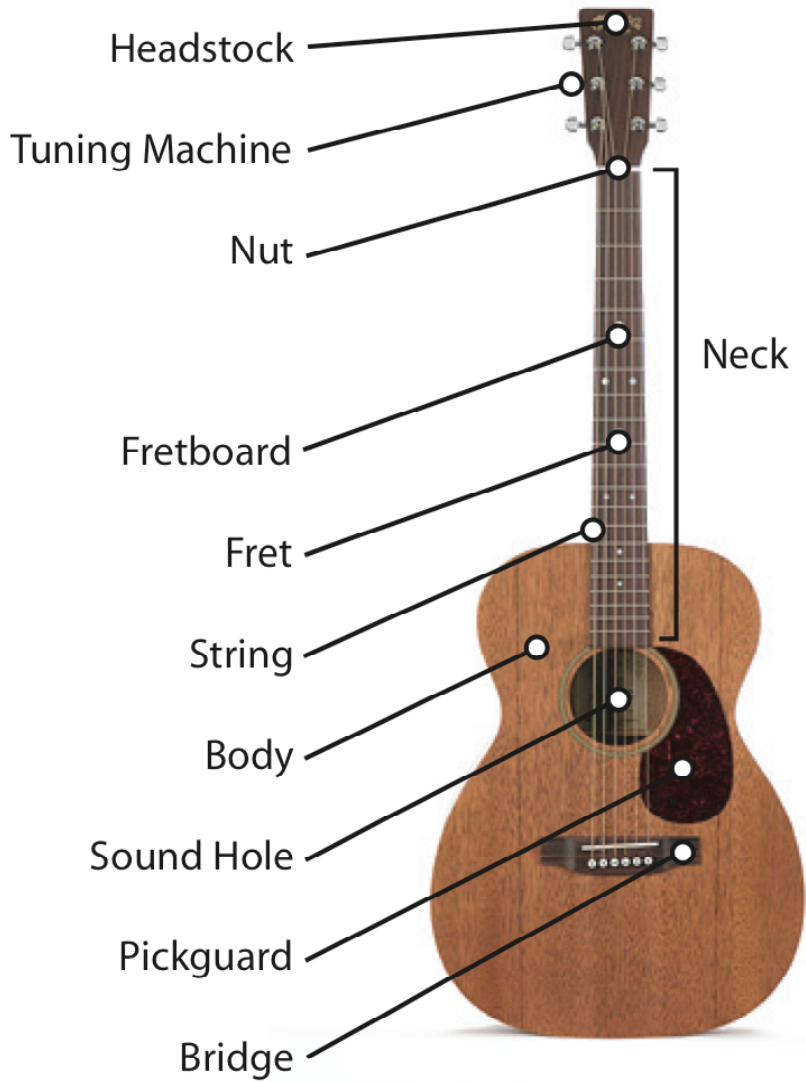


Parts Of The Guitar

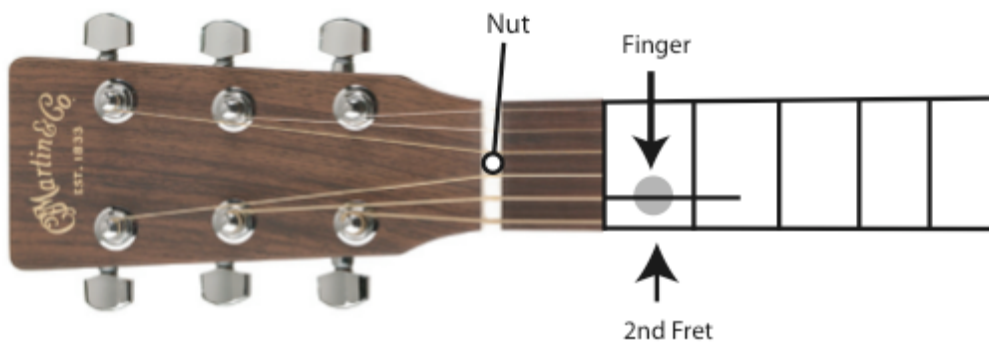


Strings & Frets

The guitar has six strings. Each string is numbered. The lowest sounding (and thickest) string is the sixth (6).

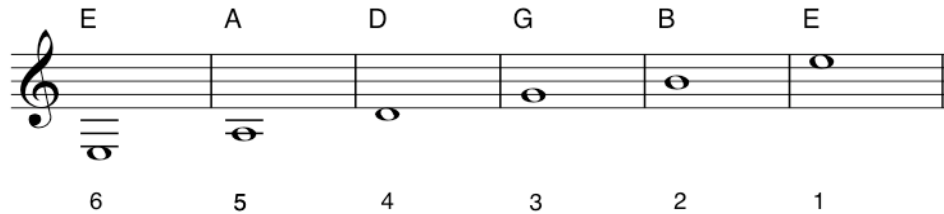


Frets are small metal bars along the neck. Place your finger between the frets (as shown below). The space between the 2nd and 3rd fret is called the 2nd fret.



Reading Music

Each string on the guitar corresponds to a note on the staff below.

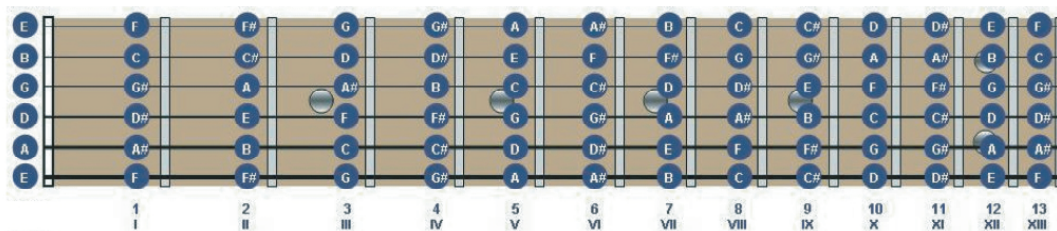


Each note on the staff below corresponds to a fret on the guitar.

The notes in the example below are all played on the 1st (highest sounding) string. The numbers below each note indicate which fret to play.

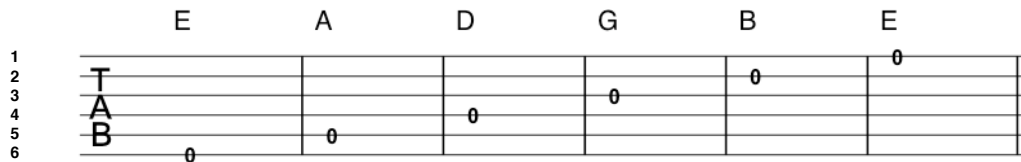


Refer to the diagram below for more information.

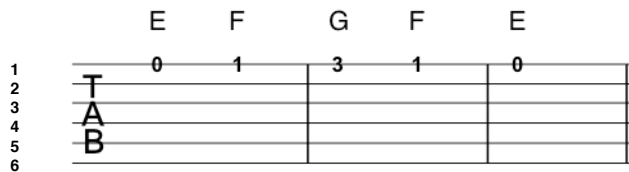


Reading Tablature

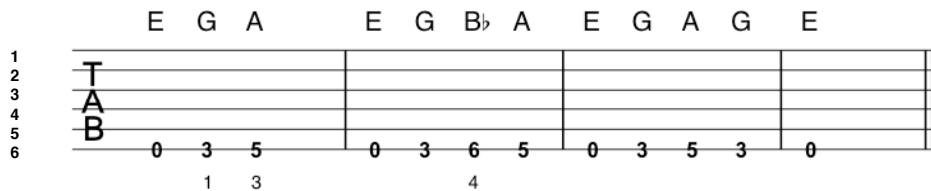
Each string on the guitar (1 – 6) corresponds to a line on the tablature below.



Each number on the tablature below corresponds to a fret on the guitar. A “0” indicates an open string.



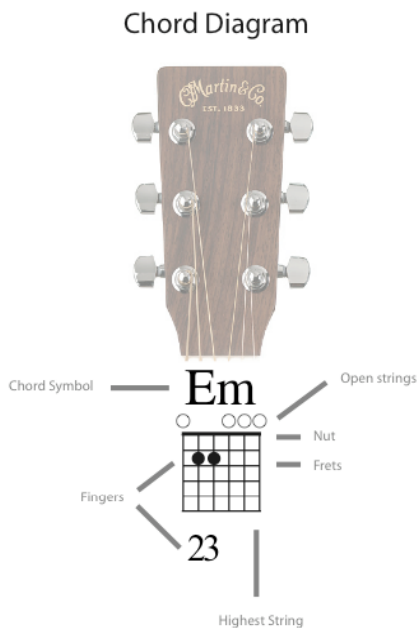
Numbers below the tablature indicate which fingers to use.



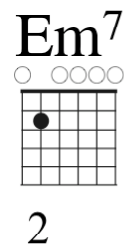
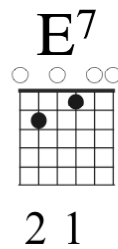
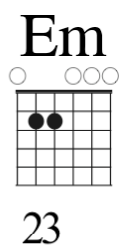
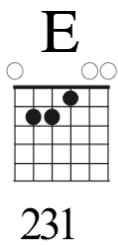
Chords

Chord Diagrams

Chords are identified by a chord symbol (i.e. Em, C, G7, etc.) The chord symbol describes the type of chord (major, minor, seventh, etc.) and where the root note (usually the lowest note in the chord), is located.



Try playing the chords below.



Strumming

Try playing the examples below. ▢ = down strum. ▽ = up strum.

1)

E

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T
A
B

2)

T
A
B

3)

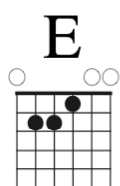
T
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B

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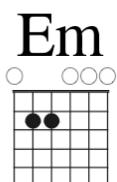
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Open Chords

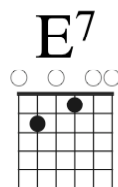
Open chords are chords that include open strings.



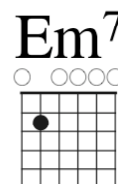
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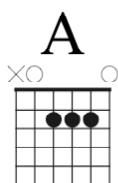
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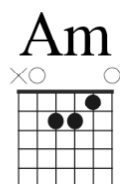
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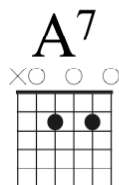
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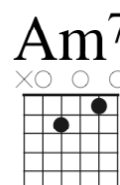
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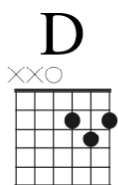
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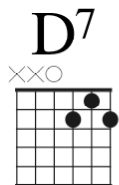
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Tuning

Make sure the lowest string (E) is in tune. Tune the remaining strings to the corresponding frets listed below.

The diagram shows a guitar tuning guide. The top staff is a treble clef with five notes: A (4th fret), D (2nd fret), G (3rd fret), B (4th fret), and E (5th fret). The bottom staff shows fret numbers for strings T, A, and B. The fret numbers are: T (5), A (0), B (5) for the first measure; T (5), A (0), B (5) for the second measure; T (5), A (0), B (5) for the third measure; T (4), A (0), B (5) for the fourth measure; T (5), A (0), B (5) for the fifth measure.

Measure	T	A	B
1	5	0	5
2	5	0	5
3	5	0	5
4	4	0	5
5	5	0	5