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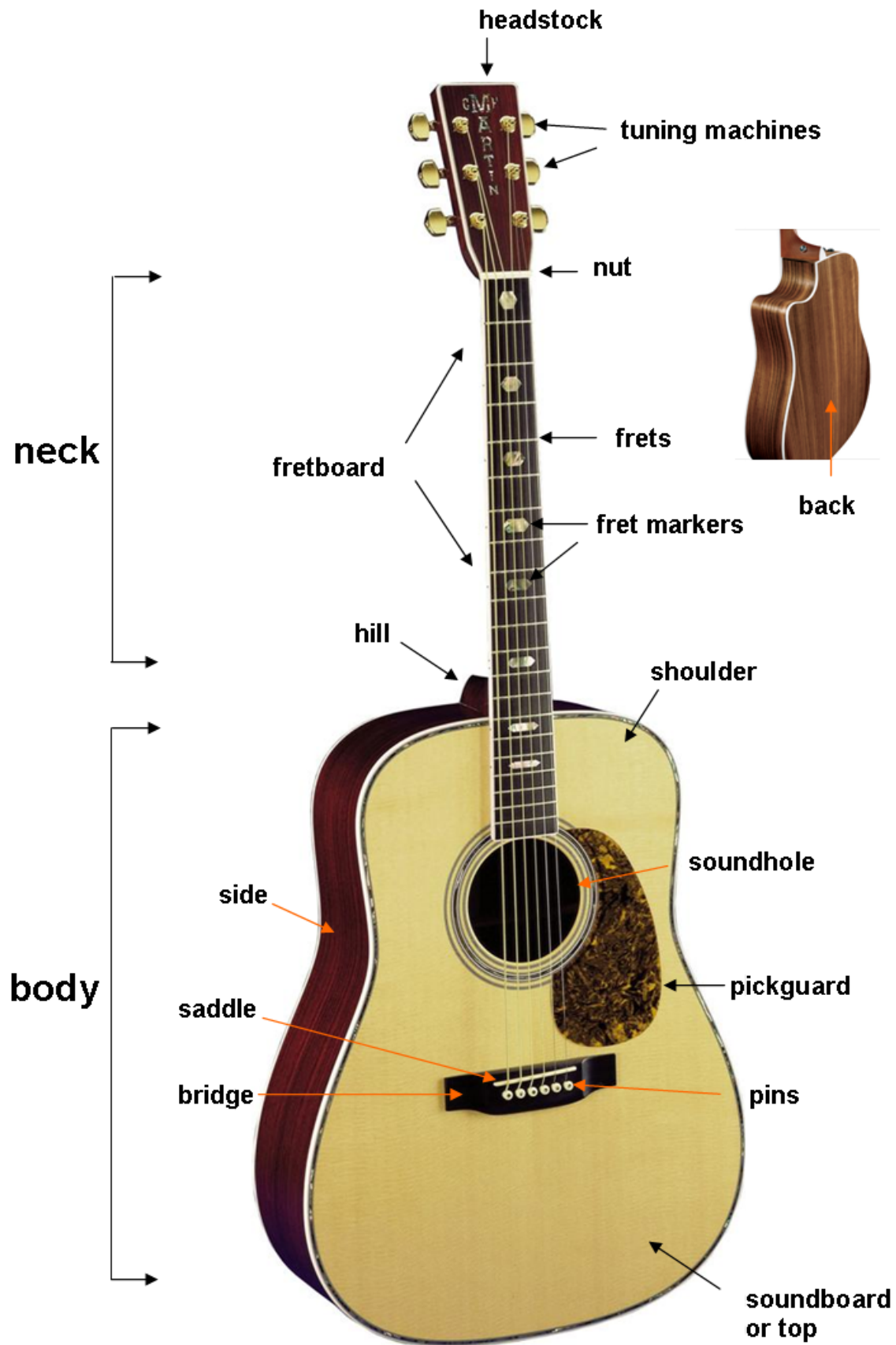


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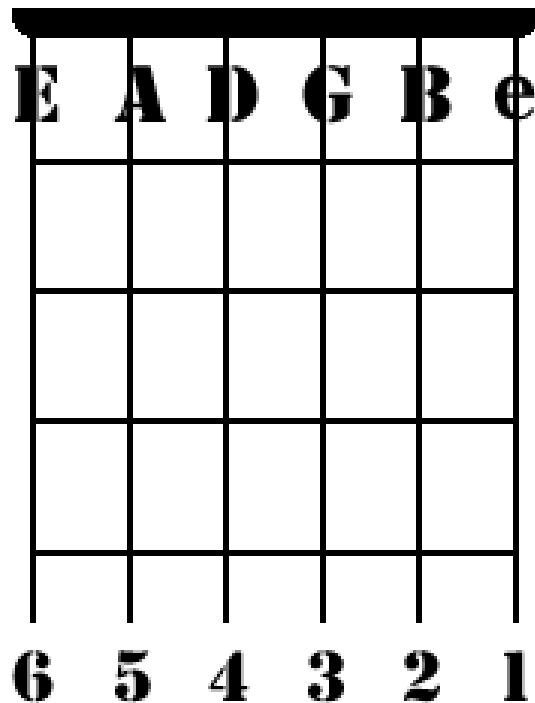
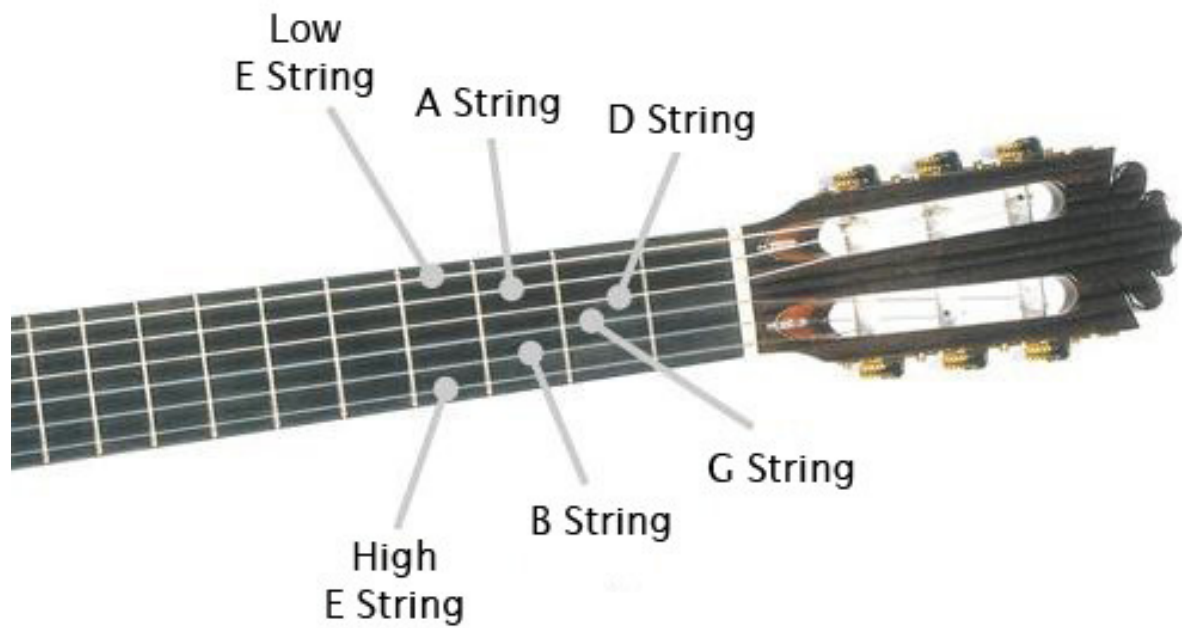


**Your free guide to teach the basics of
guitar to your children!**

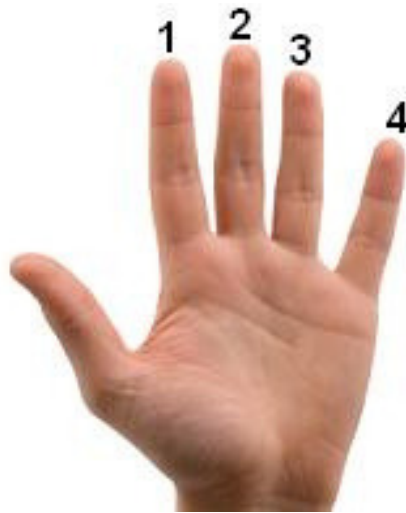
Parts of the acoustic guitar



Names of the guitar strings

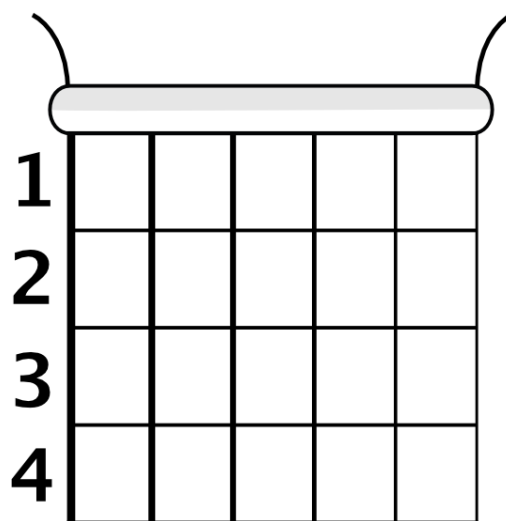


Finger numbers

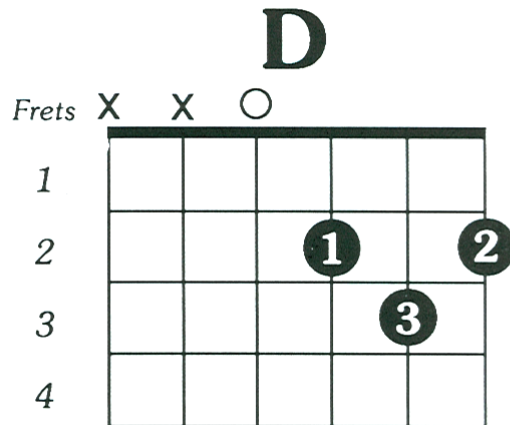


This is how you number your fingers on your fretting hand. You do not count your thumb.

Frets on guitar



Chord diagram



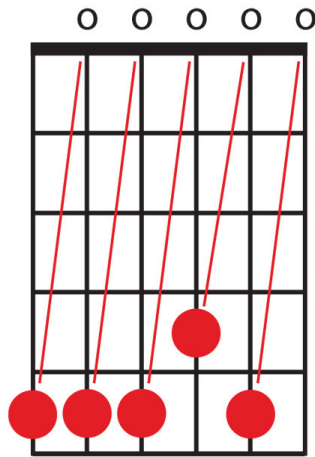
This is a chord diagram. It is a drawing of the guitar's first 4 frets. The numbers tell you which fingers to use.



Numbers = finger used
O = play from this string
X = don't play this string

Tuning your guitar....

Tuning your guitar can be VERY frustrating! The good news is that just because you can't tune doesn't mean you can't start playing. When you are just getting started on guitar, the BEST way to tune it is by using an electronic tuner. This is a machine that will tell you when each string is in tune. You can get an electronic tuner for about 20 Euro. The NEXT BEST way to tune your guitar is to get someone else who already knows how to do it for you. However, here's how to tune your guitar if no one else is around and you have no tuner.



When you press down on the 5th fret of a string, it should sound like the string right next to it. For example, when you press down on the 5th fret on the “E” string, it should sound like the open “A” string just next to it. If they don't sound alike, try adjusting the tuning machine of the “A” string up or down until both strings sound the same.

Next, when you press down on the 5th fret on the “A” string, it should sound like the open “D” string just next to it. Continue across the strings like that, but when you go to tune the “B” string, press down on the 4th fret of the “G” string, NOT the 5th fret.

If at all possible, get help! Less time tuning can mean more time playing!

Let's play the "D" chord!

A good first shape to learn is the "D" chord. If you look at the picture below, you'll see it looks like a triangle. Use the tips below to help you make the shape. Strum the chord with a pick, then play one string at a time to check the sound. Play only the bottom four strings. Don't play strings with an "x" above them.



Curve your fingers like cat claws.

Each finger touches just one string.

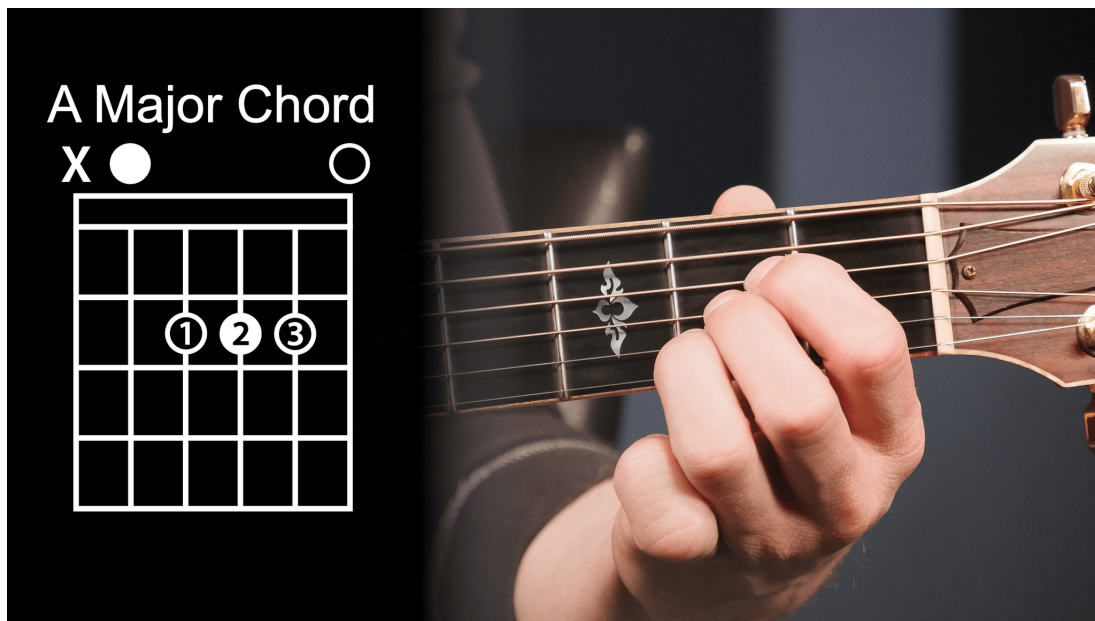
Press hard enough to get a sound.

Thumb looks like a fret on the back of The neck.

Place fingers close to the frets.

Let's play... The "A" chord!

The "A" chord looks like a straight line. Use the tips below to help you make the shape. Strum the chord with a pick, then play one string at a time to check the sound. Play only the bottom five strings. Don't play the top string, the one with the "x".



Curve your fingers like cat claws.

Each finger touches just one string.

Press hard enough to get a sound.

Thumb looks like a fret on the back of The neck.

Place fingers close to the frets.

...Let's play the "E" chord!

The "E" chord on guitar it's really fun to play because we can strum all six strings! Use the tips below to help you make the shape. Strum the chord with a pick, then play one string at a time to check the sound.



Curve your fingers like cat claws.

Each finger touches just one string.

Press hard enough to get a sound.

Thumb looks like a fret on the back of the neck.

Place fingers close to the frets.

...Let's play the "G" chord!

Also the "G" chord on guitar it's very fun to play because we can strum all six strings! Use the tips below to help you make the shape. Strum the chord with a pick, then play one string at a time to check the sound.



Curve your fingers like cat claws.

Each finger touches just one string.

Press hard enough to get a sound.

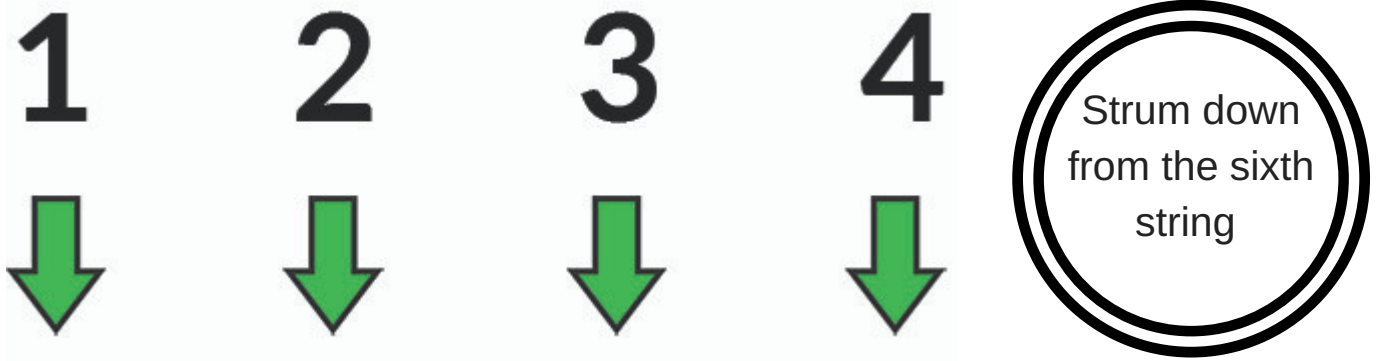
Thumb looks like a fret on the back of The neck.

Place fingers close to the frets.

Simple Rhythms

Playing rhythm guitar is as easy as counting to four! When you play a chord on your guitar, it is called strumming. You can strum in two different directions: up and down.

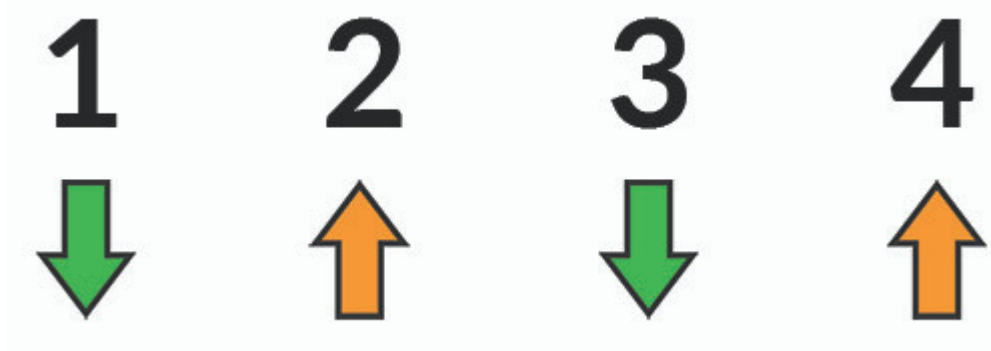
The easiest rhythm is one where you play four down strokes. Let's try with the "E" chord!



And now let's strum up!



**Let's move on to something
more challenging...**



This looks challenging – and it is! It will take you a few tries to get the pattern right – downstroke on the first beat, an upstroke on the second, another down on the third and an upstroke on the fourth. Once you get it right, you'll realize that this pattern sounds much more 'natural'...

**Thank you for reading, keep
practicing and have fun!**

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