The 21st Century Guitar Method

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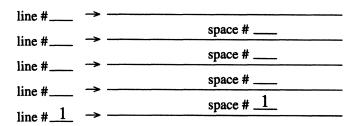
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Music Notation

Music is written on a five line staff. Between each line there is a space.

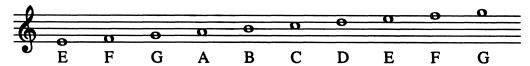
Number the lines and spaces:



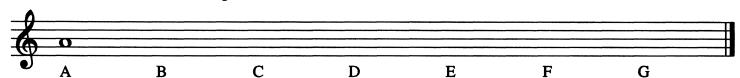
At the beginning of each staff there is a clef. The treble clef encircles the second line which is the note G. Therefore, it is sometimes called the G clef:



Notes are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet (A through G):



Draw the notes of the musical alphabet:

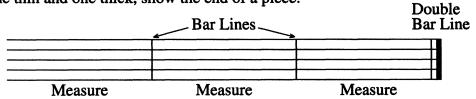


Music is divided into equal parts called measures.

Bar lines indicate the beginning and end of measures.

The distance between two bar lines is called a measure.

Double bar lines, one thin and one thick, show the end of a piece.



- 1. Divide the staff into seven measures.
- 2. Name the notes.
- 3. End the staff with a double bar line.



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Rhythm Notation and Time Signatures

At the beginning of every song is a **time signature**. 4/4 is the most common time signature:

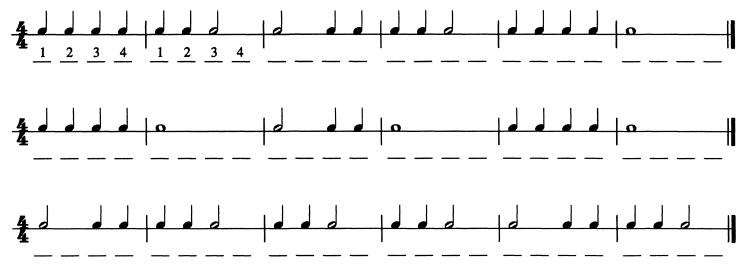
Four Counts To A Measure
A Quarter Note Receives One Count

In $\frac{2}{4}$ time a whole note receives four beats:

A half note receives two beats:

A quarter note receives one beat:

In the following three exercises, fill in the beats under the notes. Remember, there are four beats in each measure.



Add bar lines in the appropriate places (every four beats). End with a double bar.



Add bar lines (every four beats) then name the notes.



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The Notes on the First String

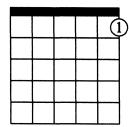
Name the notes indicated on the treble staff:



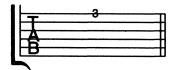




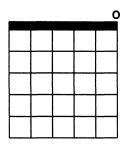
This frame indicates a note played with the _____ finger at the ____ fret of the ____ string. Its note name is ____ . Play the note and say its name.

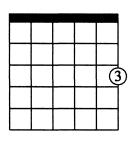


This tablature indication shows that the ____ string is to be played at the ____ fret. It will sound the note ____ . Play the note and say its name.

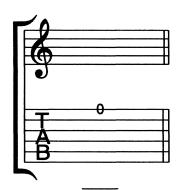


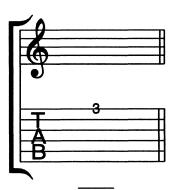
Name the notes indicated in the guitar frames:

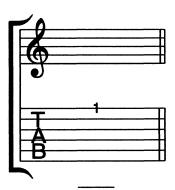




Draw the notes indicated in the tablature on the treble staves:







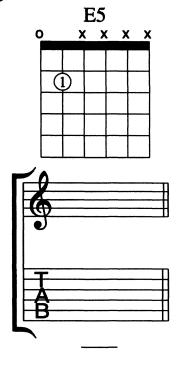
Name the notes and play them.

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New Power Chord: E5

The E5 power chord is illustrated on the chord frame diagram.

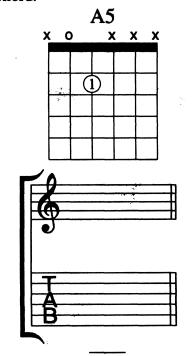
- 1. Draw the notes indicated on the staff.
- 2. Notate the chord in the tablature.
- 3. Name the chord.
- 4. Play the chord.

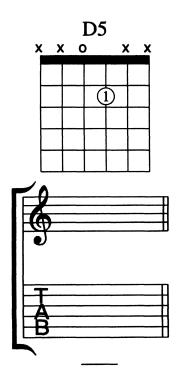


Power Chord Review

The A5 and D5 power chords are illustrated on the chord frame diagrams.

- 1. Draw the notes on the staff.
- 2. Notate the chord in the tablature.
- 3. Name the chord.
- 4. Play the chord.





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