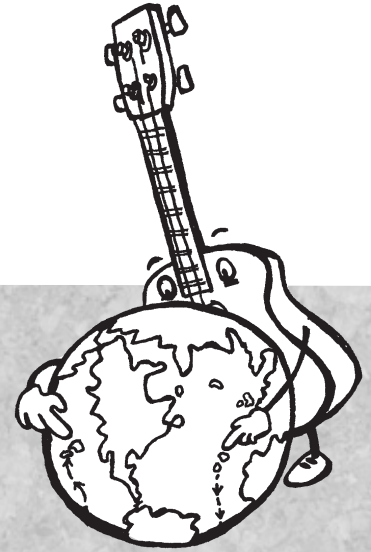


stage 1 Meet Ukulele!

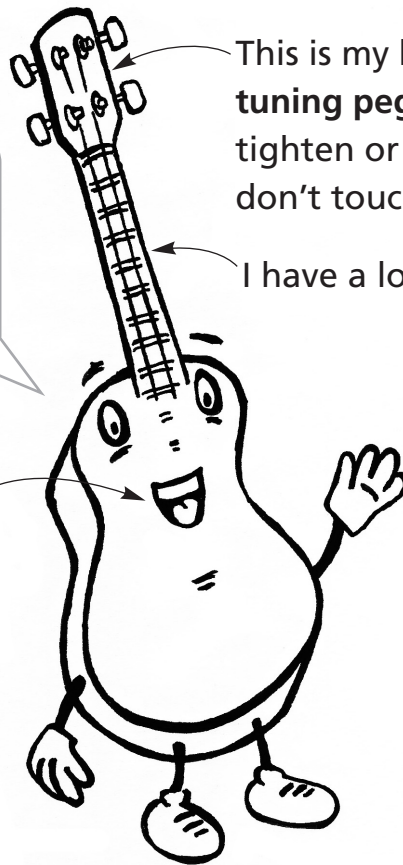
1 Tuning track

fact file

Ukulele is a Hawaiian name meaning **uku** (gift or reward) and **lele** (to come). Ukuleles came to Hawaii on a ship from Madeira. See if you can find Hawaii and Madeira on a map or globe.



Hello, I'm a ukulele! I'm your new friend from Hawaii. Ask your teacher or an adult to tune me!



This is my **headstock**. My ears are **tuning pegs** that can be twisted to tighten or loosen my strings. Please don't touch my ears when I'm in tune!

I have a long **neck** with metal lines called **frets**.

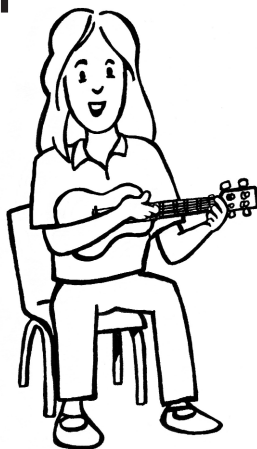
I have a **sound hole** on my **body**. This is how I make sounds – it's a bit like a mouth!

How many **strings** have I got?

Playing position

Pick me up so that you are cradling me like a baby.

Can you hold me in place? Put your left hand on my headstock, keeping my body under your right arm.

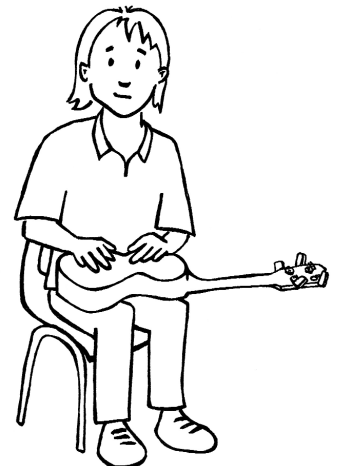


Resting position

Sometimes I will want to rest from making any sound at all.

Lie me down with my strings on your knee.

For a long rest, put me to bed in my case.

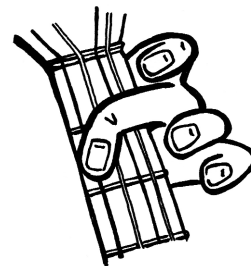
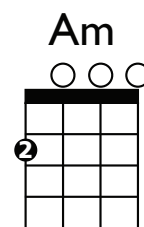


stage 5 Am chord

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This is the chord of A minor, written as 'Am'. To play this chord, place your 2nd finger on fret 2 of the G string. Sometimes people say that major chords sound happy and minor chords sad. Play the C chord and then the Am chord. What do you think?

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Drunken Sailor!

Dead string alert!

Remember *The Strings Song*? When you play strings separately, it is called **plucking**. Let's play *Drunken Sailor!*, strumming the Am chord on notes and then plucking the G string on notes.

hot tip

Use the correct finger – you will need the other fingers to do other things later!

Press down on the 2nd fret of the G string.

Am chord diagram (2nd fret G string) is shown above the first measure.

What shall we do with the drunk - en sail - or, *trad.*

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Now release to pluck the open G string.

Am chord diagram (2nd fret G string) is shown above the first measure.

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ear - ly in the mor - - ning?

32 33 Swing Low When the Saints Go Marching In I'm Gonna Sing

**Dead
string
alert!**

These three songs all use the same chord sequence, so once you've learnt to play one, you can play them all!



These songs all start on an **upbeat**. Count to 3 and then begin on beat 4.

trad.

C

4/4

Swing_ low, sweet_ cha - ri - ot,
Oh when the saints_ go march-ing in, oh when the
I'm gon - na sing, sing, I'm gon - na dance, dance, I'm gon - na

G

coming for to car - ry me_ home. Swing_
saints go_ march - ing_ in, I wan - na
sing, I'm gon - na dance, al - le - lu - ia! When the

C

low, sweet_ cha - ri - ot,
be_ in_ that_ number, oh when the
gates are o - pen'd wide_ I'll be standing by your side, I'm gon - na

C

G

C

coming for to car - ry me_ home.
saints go_ march - ing_ in.
sing, I'm gon - na dance, al - le - lu - ia!

Play 3 times

Quiz

Can you do these note sums?

$\text{quarter note} + \text{eighth note} + \text{dotted quarter note} = \boxed{3}$

$\text{quarter note} + \text{dotted quarter note} + \text{quarter note} + \text{quarter note} = \boxed{}$

$\text{quarter note} + \text{quarter note} + \text{eighth note} = \boxed{}$