

# GUITAR



## How to Tune a Guitar (step-by-step)

NEEDED: Guitar + Tuning instrument (i.e. Electric Tuner or Tuning App)

Step #1 in playing guitar well is making sure you are in tune! A good guitar player still sounds bad when he is playing a guitar out of tune. Below is a step by step guide on how to tune your guitar.

### **Know the Notes**

The standard tuning for guitar is EADGBE (visual of headstock with names of notes)

### **Find the Tuning Keys**

To tune the guitar you will tighten and loosen the tuning keys on the headstock of the guitar. Follow each string up to its tuning key. Tightening the string raises the pitch and loosening the string lowers the pitch.

### **Playing Position**

Sit down and put the guitar in playing position on your lap.

### **Begin Tuning**

Start by tuning the Low E string!

#### By Eyes

Use an electronic tuner or tuning app to match the low E string to E with the tuner. Continue this process with the rest of the strings.

#### By Ears

Use an electronic tuner, tuning app, piano, or pitch pipe to hear the correct pitch. Match the pitch of your low E string to the pitch of the sound of the tuner, piano, pitch pipe, etc.

Use tuning reference device to match ADG strings by ear OR match each string to the pitch of the string above it at the 5th fret.

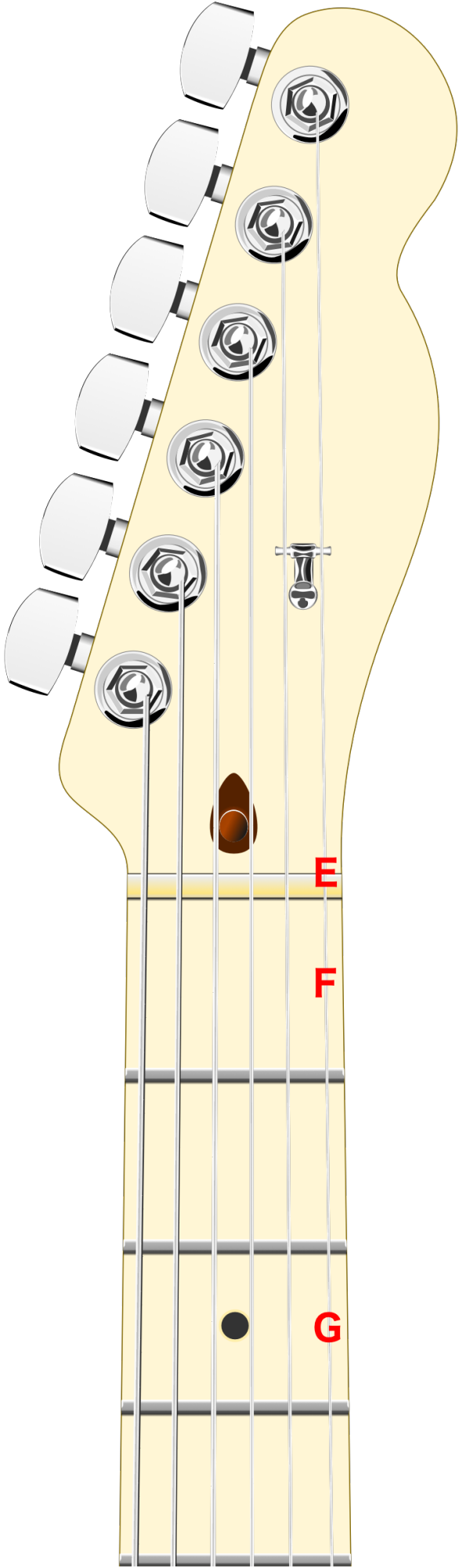
Use tuning reference device to match B string by ear OR match the B string to the pitch of the string above it at the 4th fret.

Use tuning reference device to match the high E string by ear OR match each string to the pitch of the string above it at the 5th fret.

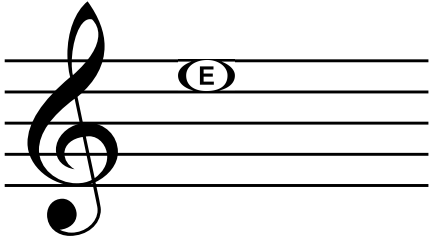
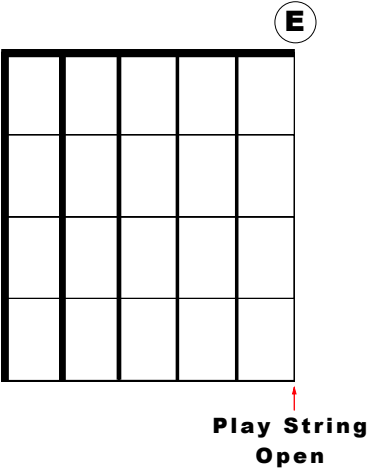
*Note: Loosen the string a bit before tuning. It's easier to tune by ear when you tighten up to the correct pitch*



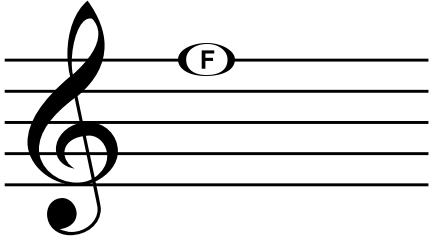
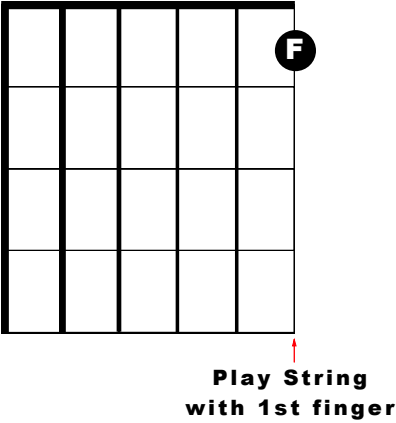
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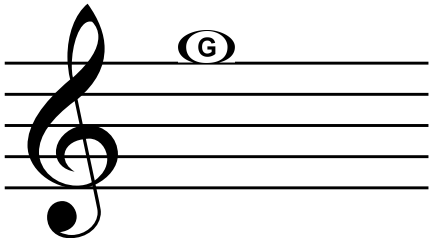
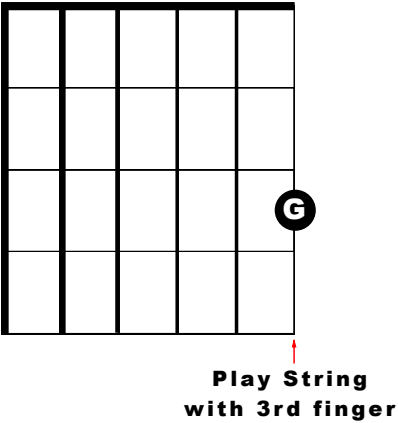
## E note



## F note



## G note



# First String

(This symbol tells you to play the string with a downward motion using the pick)



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COUNT: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4



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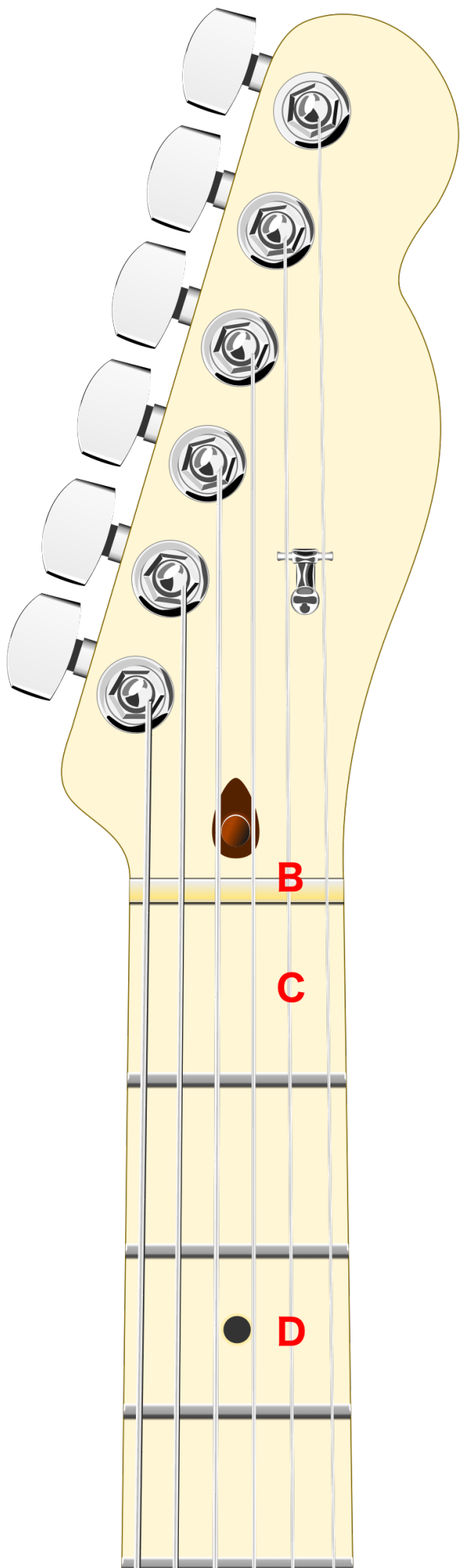
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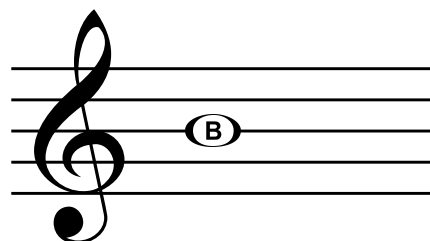
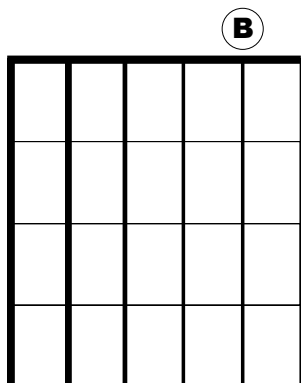
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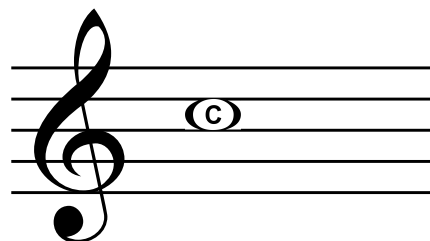
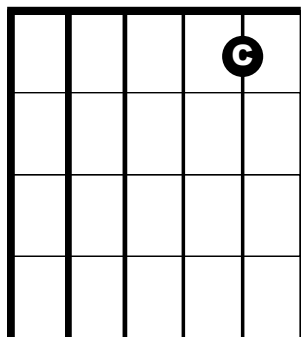


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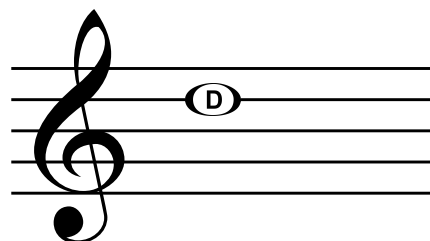
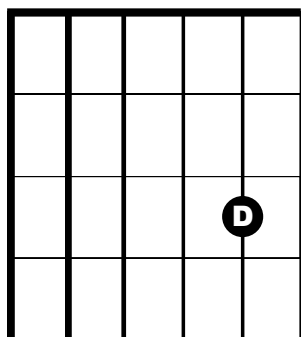
Play String  
Open

## C note



Play String  
with 1st finger

## D note



Play String  
with 3rd finger

# Second String



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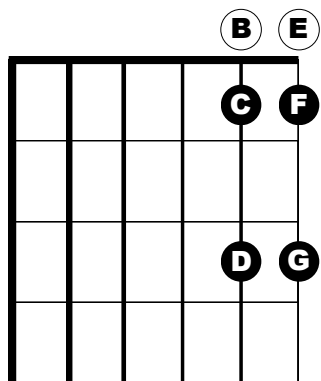
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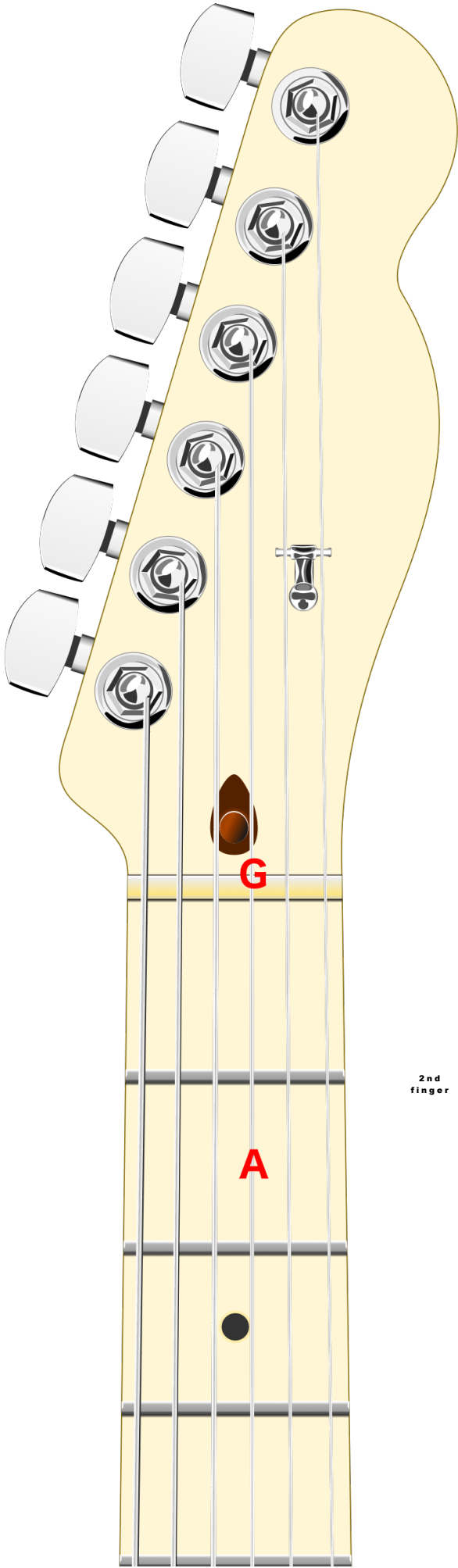


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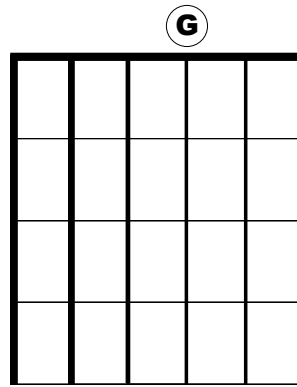
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B C D E F G

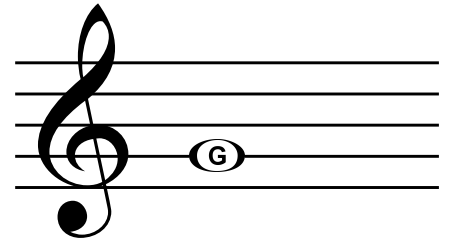
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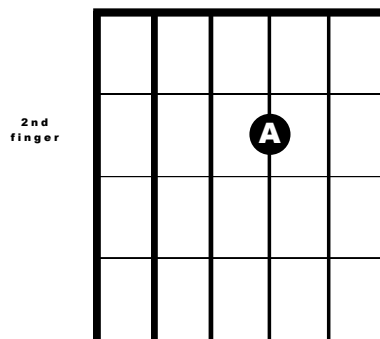
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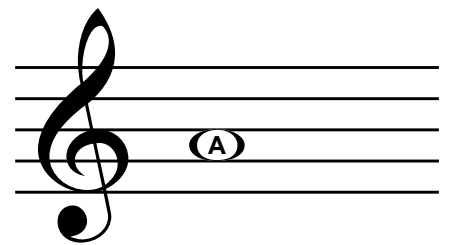
Play String  
Open



## A note

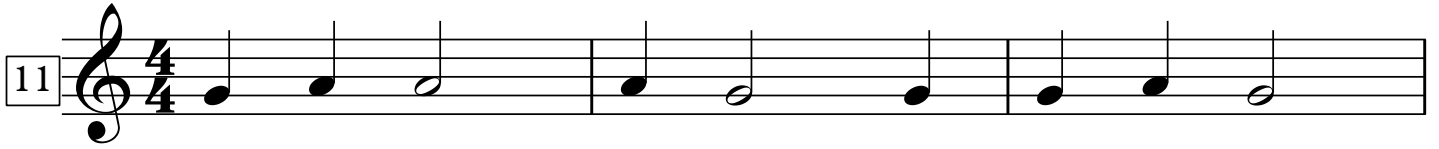
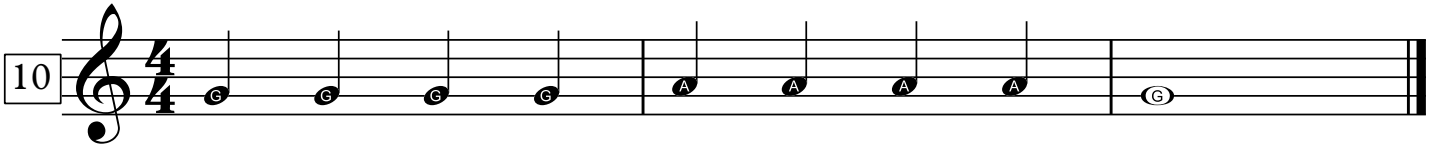


Play String  
with 2nd finger

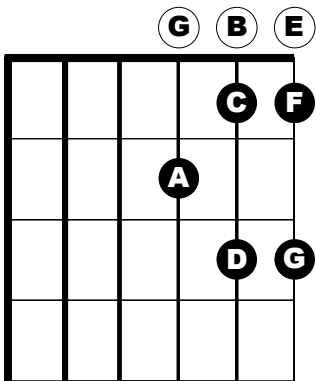




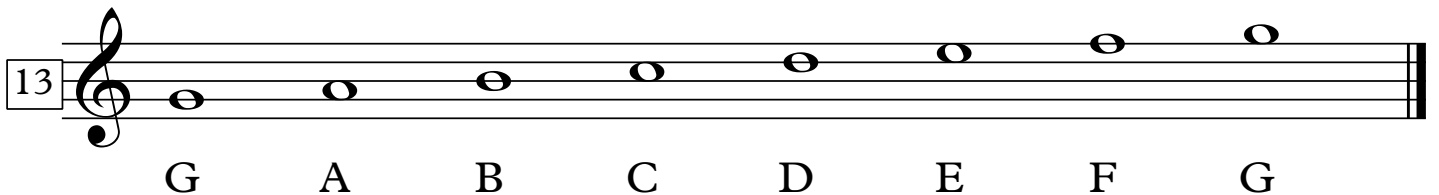
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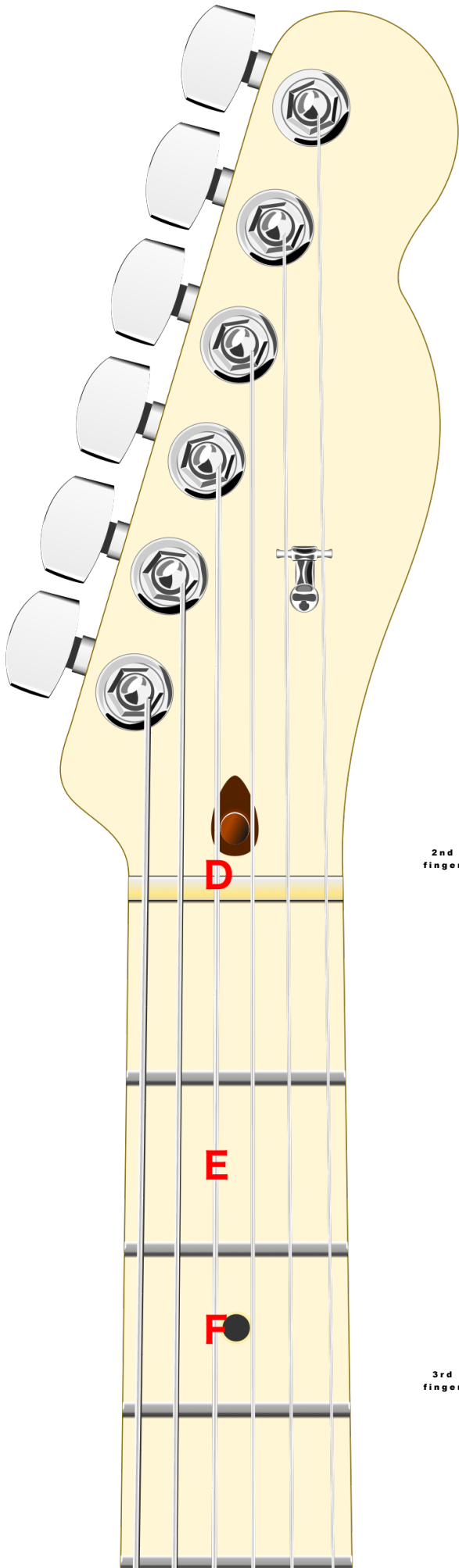
## 3-String Review



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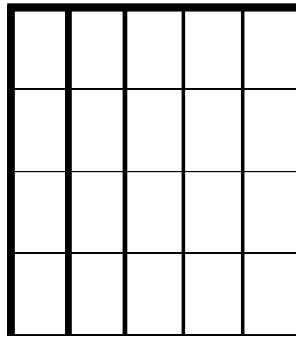


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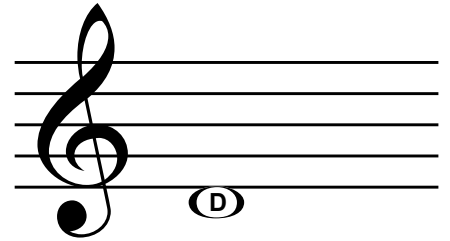


## D note

D



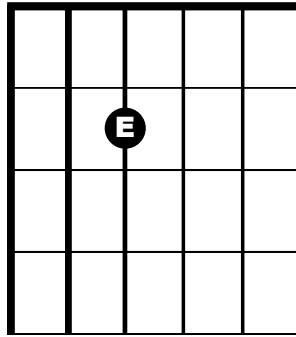
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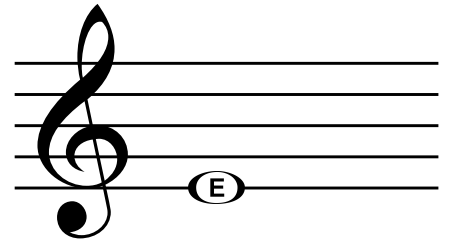
## E note

2nd  
finger

E



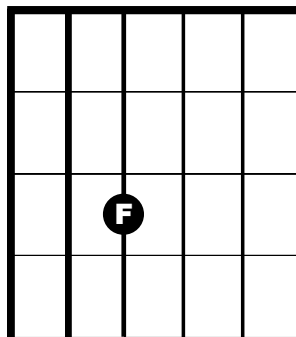
Play String  
with 2nd finger



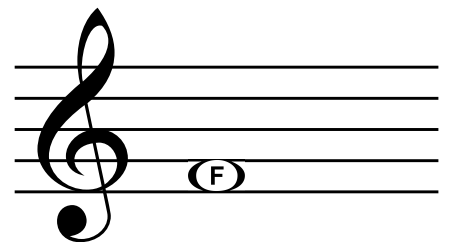
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3rd  
finger

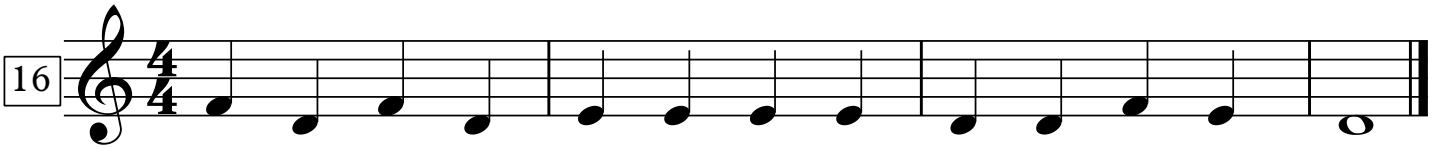
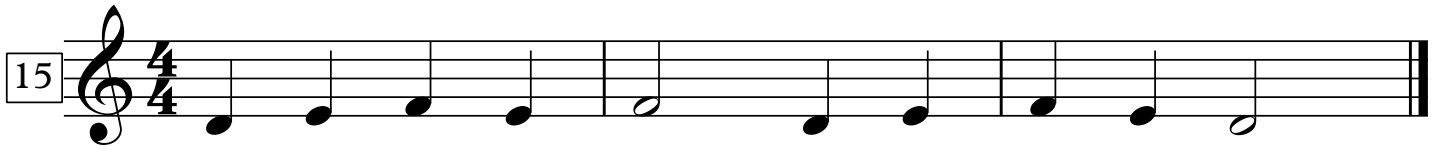
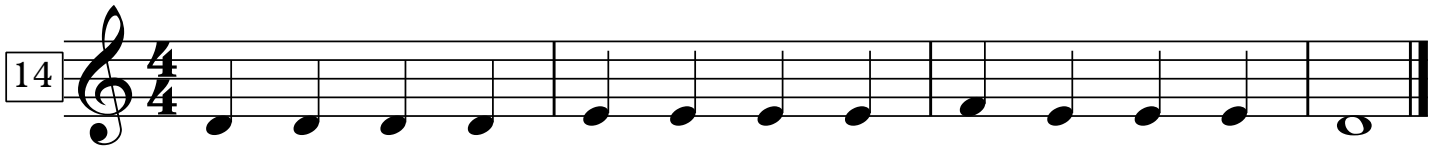
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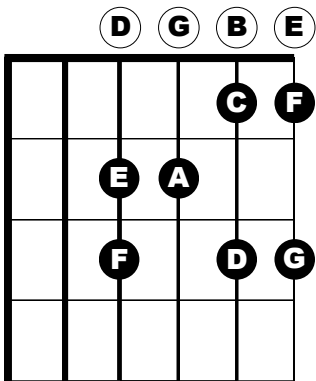
Play String  
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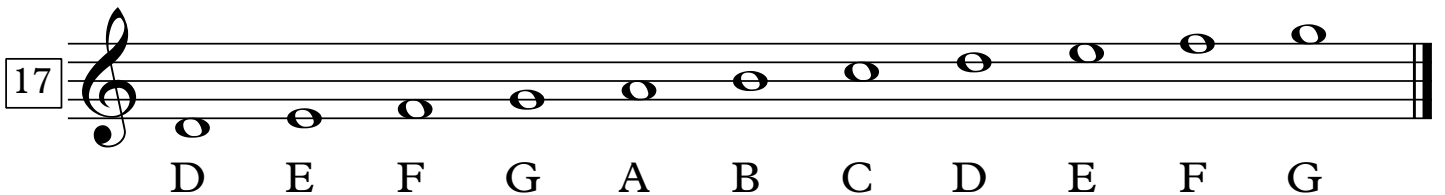
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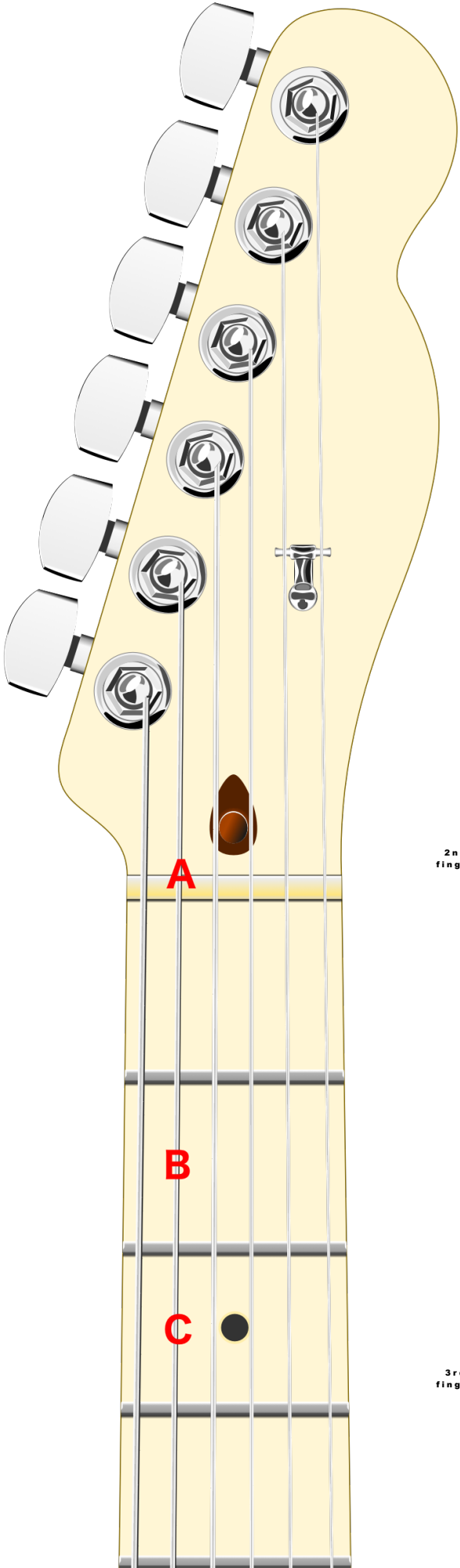
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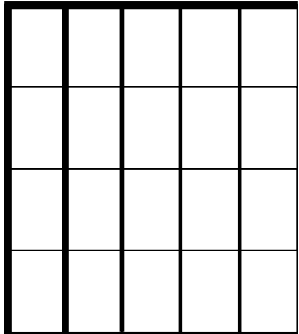


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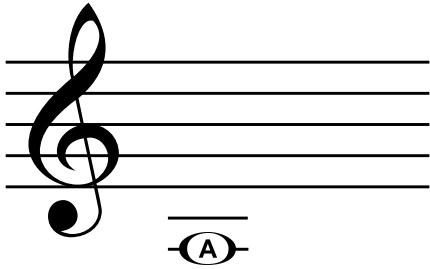


## A note

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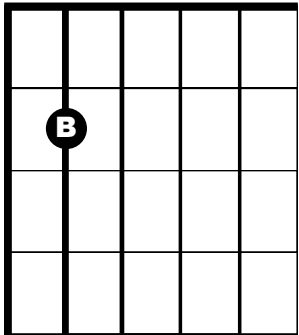
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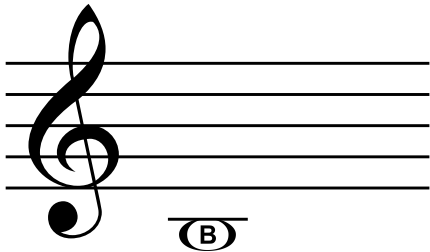
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2nd  
finger

B



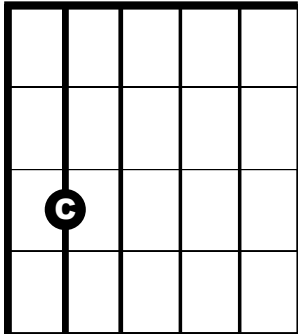
Play String  
with 2nd finger



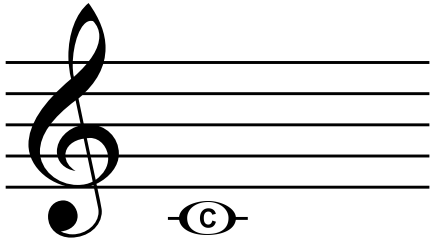
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3rd  
finger

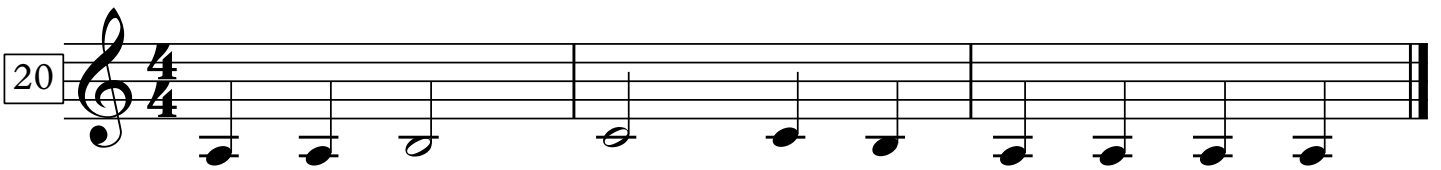
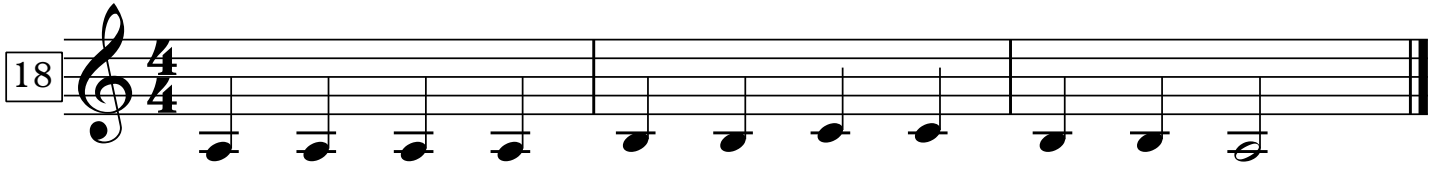
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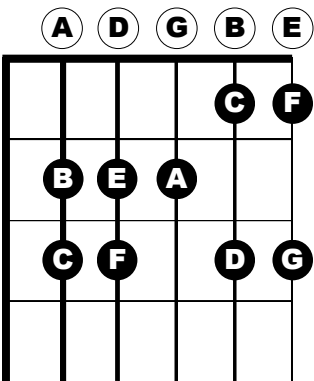
Play String  
with 3rd finger



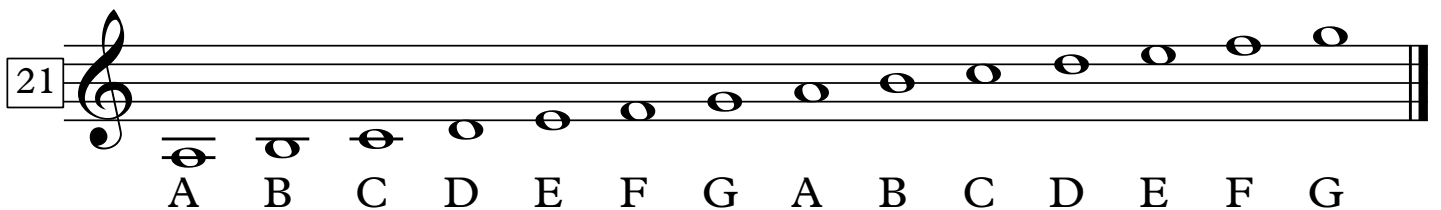
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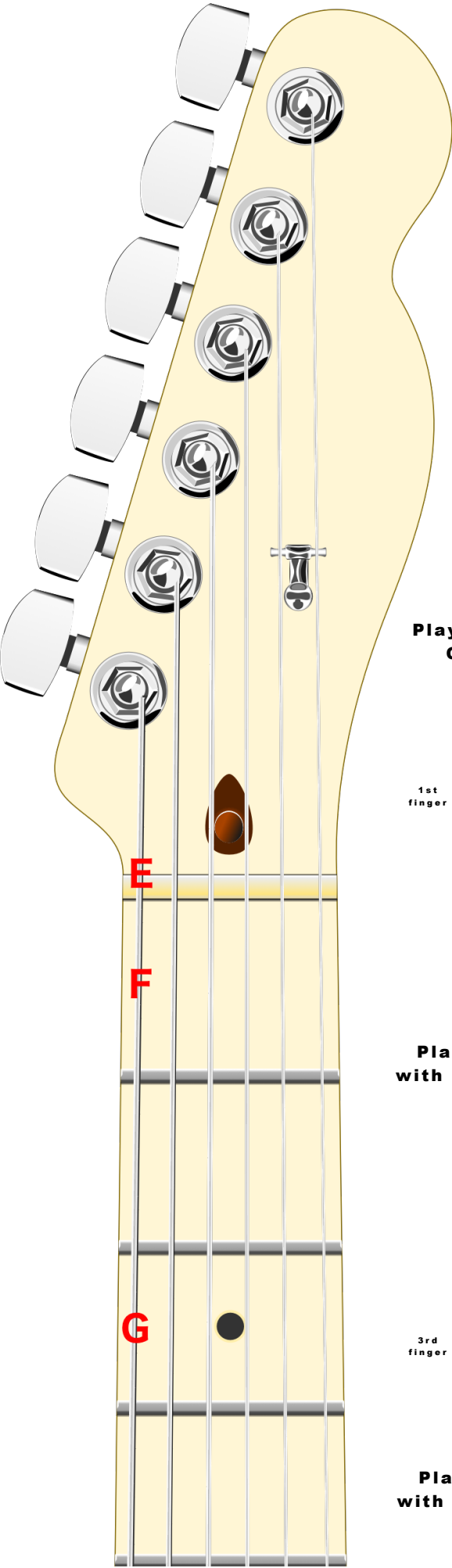
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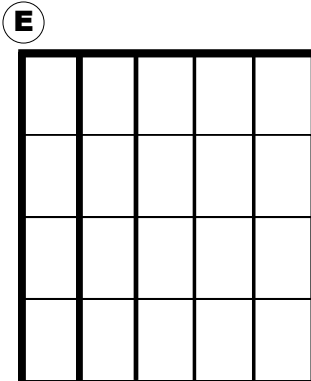
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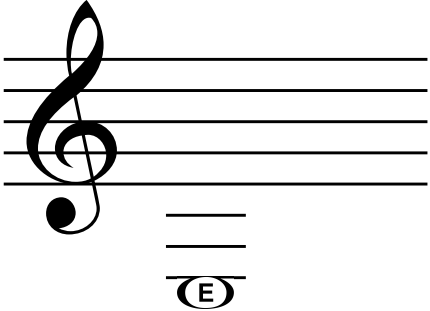
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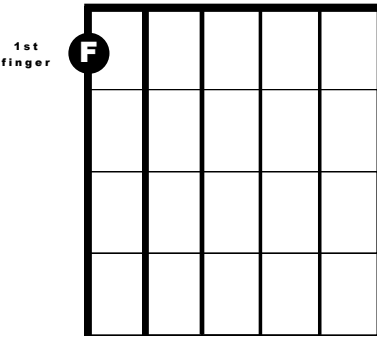
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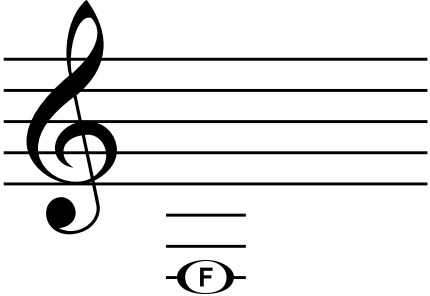
Play String  
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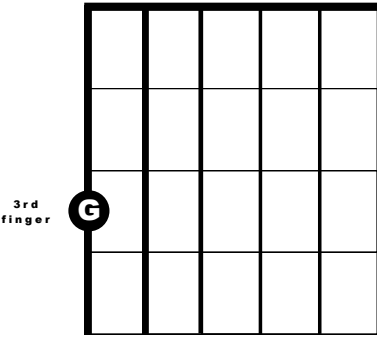
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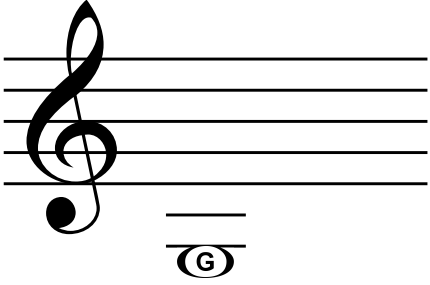
Play String  
with 1st finger



## G note



Play String  
with 3rd finger



# Sixth String

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## 6-String Review

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