

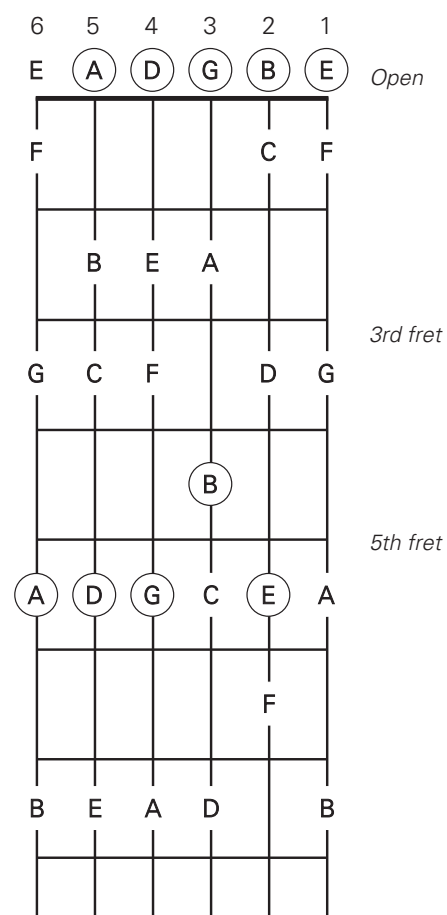
# How to Tune a Guitar

**TUNING** - At the beginning of the DVD, I've provided tuning notes to get you started. Here are some instructions on how to tune a guitar without the use of the DVD.

Notice some of the notes are circled in this diagram.

First, press down the "A" note on the sixth string, fifth fret. Pick that note and then while it's still ringing, pick the next string (fifth string-open A). You should hear the same pitch coming from both strings. Think of it like this, the E string, plus five frets, equals the sound of the A string.

Let's continue through the whole process before you actually do any tuning. The "A" string, plus five frets, equals the sound of the "D" string. (Play the fifth fret of the fifth string and compare that sound to the open fourth string). Next, the "G" note, fourth string, fifth fret, should match the pitch of the open third string.



The one pair of strings that is tuned differently than all the others is the third and second strings.

You will be holding down the *fourth* fret of the third string (B note) and comparing that to the sound of the second string. And last, play the fifth fret of the second string and compare that to the open first string (E note).

## QUESTION & ANSWER

What if the sixth string is out of tune?

*Don't make any changes until you check all strings. So if the fifth, fourth, and third strings are all in tune to each other, but the sixth is not tuned to the fifth, then that is a pretty good indication that the sixth string needs to be tuned to match the fifth.*

What if all the strings are out of tune? You could:

- 1. Use the DVD tuning notes.*
- 2. Find someone who plays guitar to help you tune it.*
- 3. Tune the strings to the same notes on a piano or keyboard.*
- 4. Get a tuner (not a chromatic tuner) and make sure somebody shows you how to use it.*

I tuned the guitar and it still sounds out of tune when I strum a chord.

*Check with the DVD tuning notes. This is probably your quickest solution. Tuning can be tricky at first. That is compounded by the fact that less expensive guitars sometimes don't tune up as easily as; more professional models. And, it takes a while to develop the ear to know what to listen for when tuning. To remedy this situation, you can purchase a non-chromatic guitar tuner (chromatic tuners are for more advanced players). If you follow the instructions that come with the tuner, you should be able to get in tune.*

What if I break a string?

*Go to your nearest music store and they should be able to help you out. Watch carefully how the technician changes the string, so you can try it yourself next time.*