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Tuning Your Guitar Tracks 1 & 2

The companion online audio contains all the warm-ups and tunes in Book 2, so you may listen and play along with them. You need to be sure your guitar is in tune every time you start to play, especially when you want to play along with the recording. Listen carefully to the instructions on Track 1, then use Track 2 to get your guitar in tune.

Introducing Four-String Chords

Now that you have learned the note D on the D string, you can add it to chords you already know to make four-string versions of those chords.

The Four-String G Chord

This is the same as the three-string G chord, but you also strum the open D string.



Hear this chord!

Track 8

G

x x o o o

1st fret

2nd fret

3rd fret

3

Strum

The Four-String G⁷ Chord

This is the same as the three-string G⁷ chord, but you also strum the open D string.

Hear this chord!

Track 9

G⁷

x x o o o

1st fret

2nd fret

3rd fret

1

Strum

New Chord Exercise

For this exercise, use the four-note G and G⁷ chords, and also use the three-string C chord. A chord frame will be shown only the first time a chord is used. Play the chord the same way any time you see its symbol in the music again.

Track 10

G **G⁷** **C**

x x o o o x x o o o x x x o o

Dotted Half Notes & $\frac{3}{4}$ Time



Introducing the Dotted Half Note



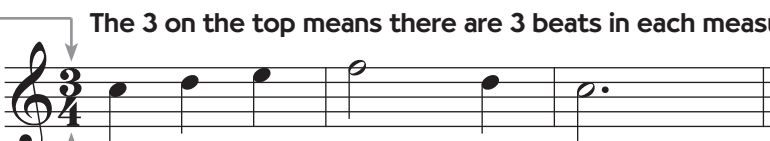
3 beats

This note looks like a half note, but with a dot to the right of the notehead. It lasts three beats.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ Time Signature

A $\frac{3}{4}$ time signature (“three-four time”) means there are 3 equal beats in every measure.

3
4



The 3 on the top means there are 3 beats in each measure.

The 4 on the bottom means a quarter note gets 1 beat.



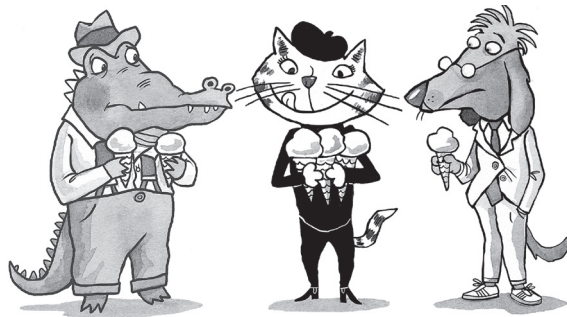
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Clap and Count Out Loud



Count: 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

Three Is for Me!



Track 23



One, two, three. One, two, three. Three is for me!

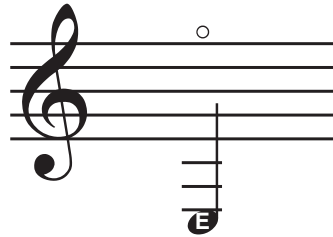


Play - ing in three with the great - est of ease.

Notes on the Sixth String

Introducing E

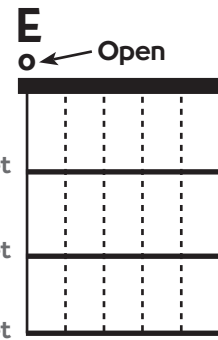
A note on the space under the third ledger line below the staff is called E. This E is on the 6th string, and it is the lowest-sounding note on the guitar. To play this note, pick the open 6th string.



Hear this note!

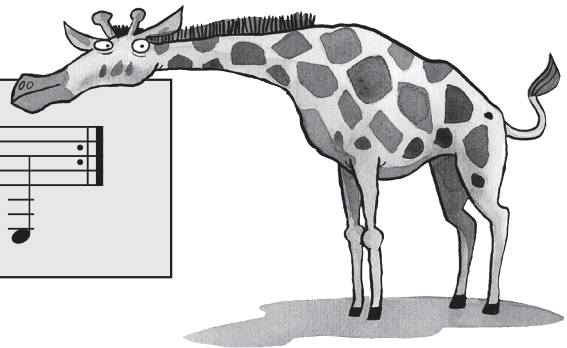


Track 41



Track 42

E Warm-up



Six Open Strings

Track 43

Now we have learned six open strings.
From high to low: E B G D A E.

Giraffe Under the Staff

Track 44

Three lines below the staff hides a big,
tall giraffe! Be careful if you
find him, because you just might laugh!