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2 GB RAM minimum  
DVD drive for installation  
Speakers or headphones  
Internet access for updates

### Macintosh

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QuickTime 7.6.7 or higher  
900 MB hard drive space  
2 GB RAM minimum  
DVD drive for installation  
Speakers or headphones  
Internet access for updates



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## NAMING THE NOTES ON THE 1st STRING

Since the mandolin can play notes higher than those written on the staff, it is sometimes necessary to extend the five lines of the staff with short, temporary lines called **leger lines**. Leger lines are used to notate the high A and B which are played on the 1st string, the E string.

The five basic notes on the 1st string are:

Notice the use of the leger lines for the notes A and B. Also notice that the note E, which is played open on the 1st string, can also be played on the 2nd string 7th fret. The fingering number above the note will tell you whether to play it open (“o”) or fingered (4).

Exercise: Practice naming the notes below.

## PLAYING THE NOTES ON THE 1st STRING

These photos show the proper placement of the fingers for the notes on the 1st string. Remember to press hard directly behind the fret.

Important! Unlike the 2nd and 3rd strings, the 1st finger plays the note on the 1st (not the 2nd) fret.

**E**

Open (no fingers)



**F**

1st finger, 1st fret



**G**

2nd finger, 3rd fret



**A**

3rd finger, 5th fret



**B**

4th finger, 7th fret

