

Notes on The Guitar

Finding any note on the guitar is important, especially for scales and bar chords. Learning the note names is actually very easy once you understand a simple musical formula. Lets dive in!

For starters, we need to know the names of each string:



String Names

Here's a memorable saying for the string names:

Ernie Ate Dynamite Good Bye Ernie

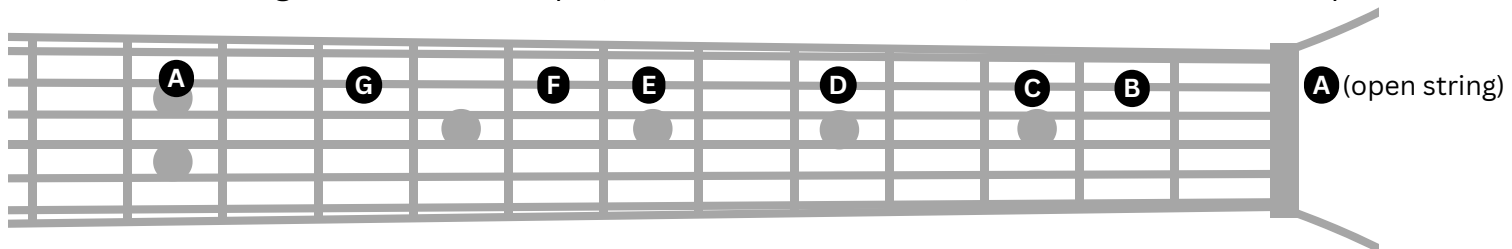
Next, we need to know the musical alphabet, which consists of A B C D E F G and then repeats!

A B C D E F G A B C D E F G etc...

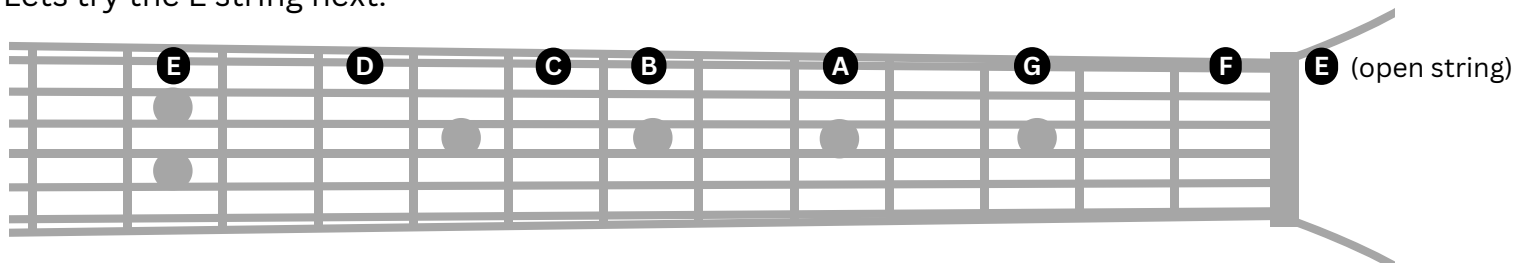
Now, to keep things simple, we'll learn a very basic rule:

All of these notes are TWO FRETS apart EXCEPT for **B-C** and **E-F**, which are ONE FRET apart.

Lets use the A string as our first example, since it starts on an 'A', the first letter of the alphabet:



Lets try the E string next:



From here you can continue to work out the rest of the guitar strings. The E and A strings are the most practical for use with bar chords and scales, so at the very least, make sure you get these ones down!