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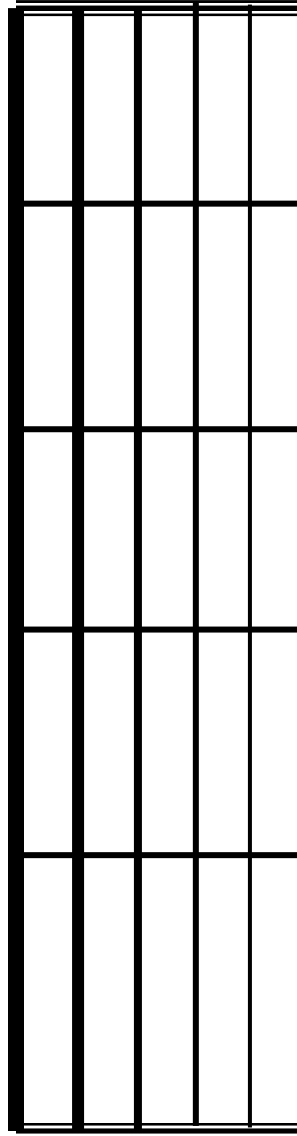


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The first step in self tuning a guitar is to tighten or loosen the 6<sup>th</sup> string which is the E bass string so that it is fairly close to the pitch that it should be. This part you have to do by ear. Whatever pitch you have the 6<sup>th</sup> string adjusted to will affect all the other strings, because you are going to tune all the other strings against whatever pitch you have the 6<sup>th</sup> string set at.

# E

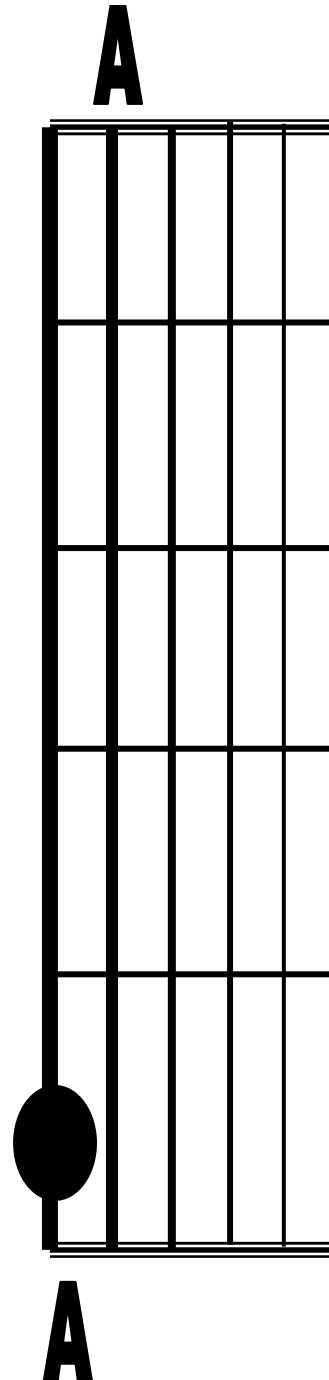


# Tune the 5th string against the 6th string.

Place your left middle finger on the 5<sup>th</sup> fret of the 6<sup>th</sup> string. This note is an A note on the 6<sup>th</sup> string. Play this A note on the 6<sup>th</sup> string, and then immediately play the 5<sup>th</sup> string open. The 5<sup>th</sup> string open is also an A note.

You have to tighten or loosen the open 5<sup>th</sup> string to make it sound like the A note on the 6<sup>th</sup> string.

## 5th Fret

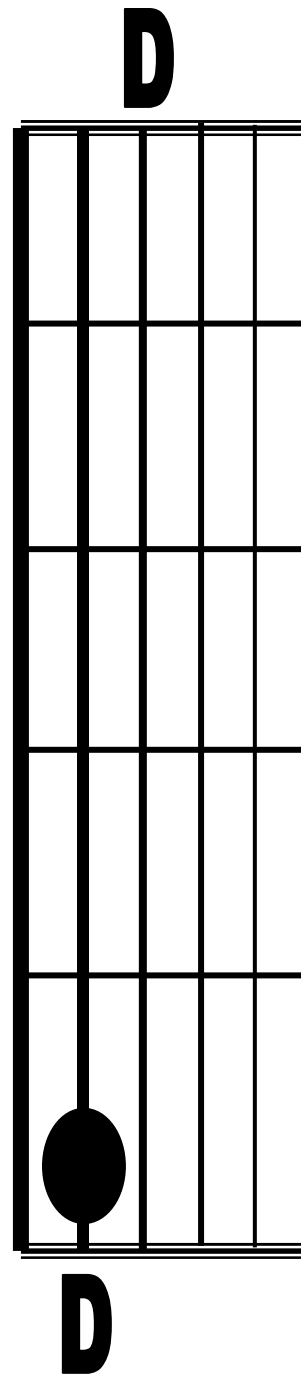


# Tune the 4th string against the 5th string.

Place your left middle finger on the 5<sup>th</sup> fret of the 5<sup>th</sup> string. This note is a D note on the 5<sup>th</sup> string. Play this D note on the 5<sup>th</sup> string, and then immediately play the 4<sup>th</sup> string open. The 4<sup>th</sup> string open is also a D note.

You have to tighten or loosen the open 4<sup>th</sup> string to make it sound like the D note on the 5<sup>th</sup> string.

## 5th Fret

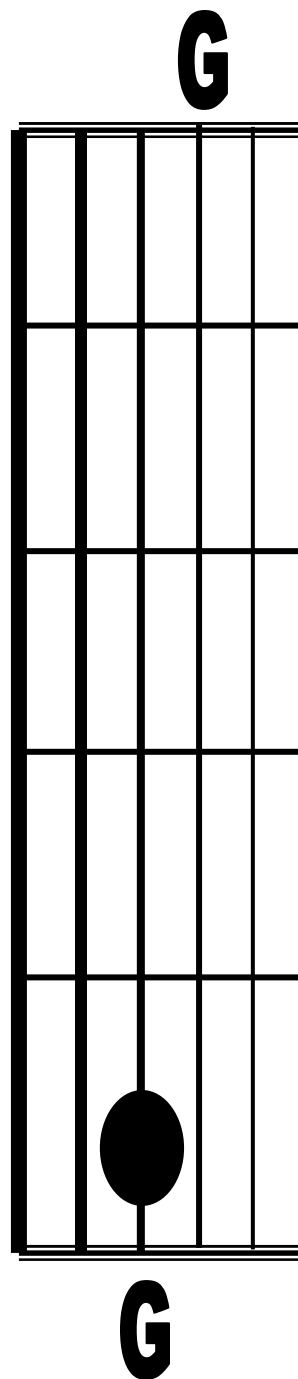


# Tune the 3rd string against the 4th string.

Place your left middle finger on the 5<sup>th</sup> fret of the 4<sup>th</sup> string. This note is a G note on the 4<sup>th</sup> string. Play this G note on the 4<sup>th</sup> string, and then immediately play the 3rd string open. The 3rd string open is also a G note.

You have to tighten or loosen the open 3rd string to make it sound like the G note on the 4<sup>th</sup> string.

## 5th Fret

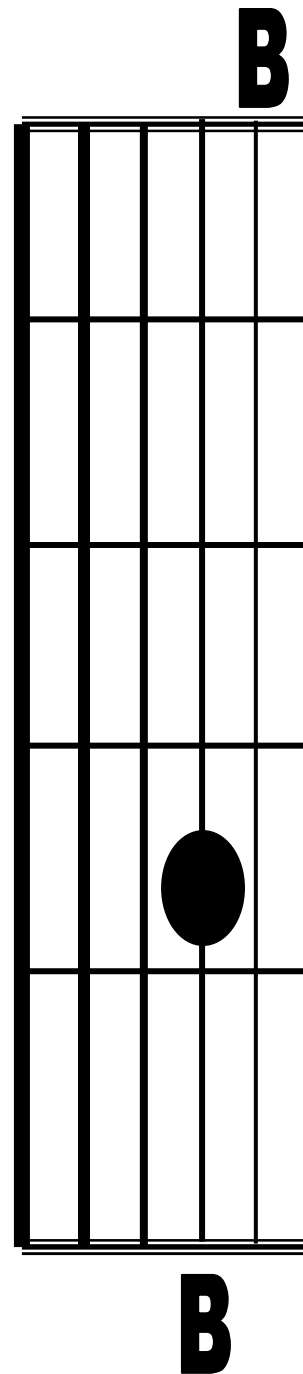


# Tune the 2nd string against the 3rd string.

Place your left middle finger on the 4<sup>th</sup> fret of the 3rd string. This note is a B note on the 3rd string. Play this B note on the 3rd string, and then immediately play the 2nd string open. The 2nd string open is also a B note.

You have to tighten or loosen the open 2nd string to make it sound like the B note on the 3rd string.

## 4th Fret

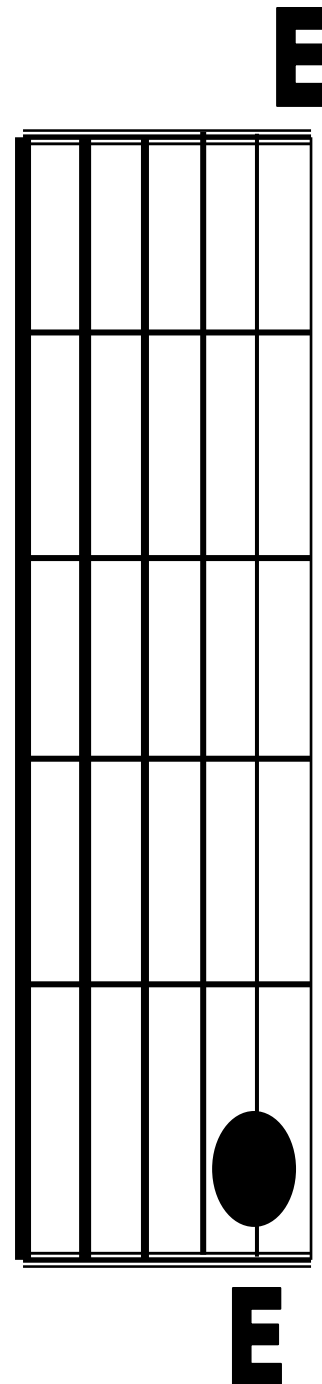


# Tune the 1st string against the 2nd string.

Place your left middle finger on the 5<sup>th</sup> fret of the 2nd string. This note is an E note on the 2nd string. Play this E note on the 2nd string, and then immediately play the 1st string open. The 1st string open is also an E note.

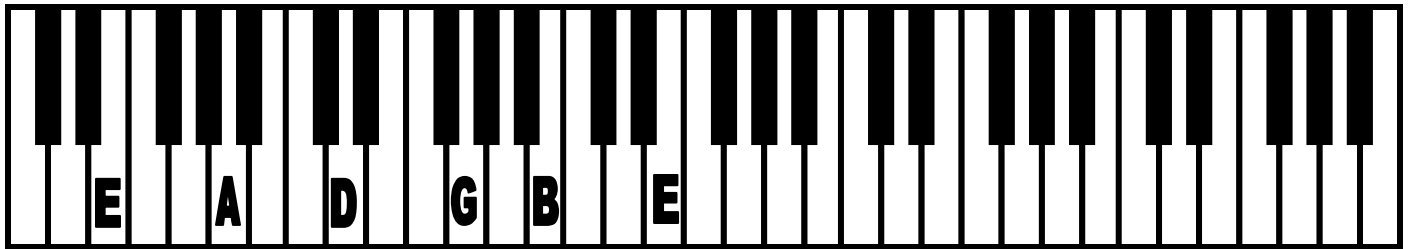
You have to tighten or loosen the open 1st string to make it sound like the E note on the 2nd string.

## 5th Fret



# OTHER TUNING METHODS

You can tune your guitar to a piano, a pitch pipe, or a digital electronic tuner. If you use a piano or a keyboard you have to know which keys correspond to the strings on the guitar.



**E   A   D   G   B   E**

An arrow points from the first 'E' key on the piano keyboard to the first 'E' in the header of the table below.

	E	A	D	G	B	E