



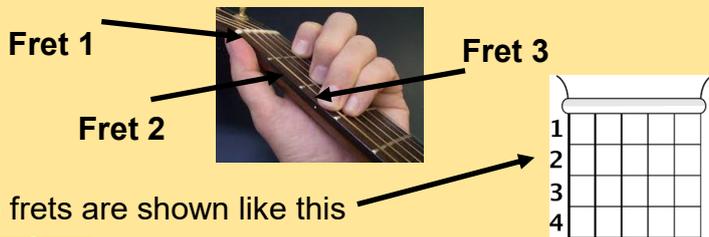
READING TAB



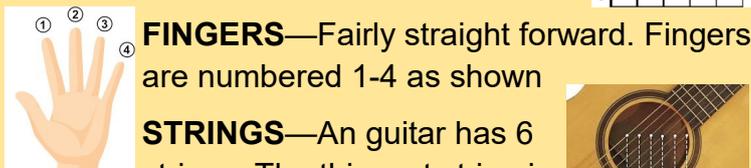
Tablature, or TAB for short, is a different, more common way for writing and reading music for the guitar

You need to understand: frets, fingers and strings

FRETS—These are the metal strips that go along the neck of the guitar. The first fret is closest to the end



The frets are shown like this



FINGERS—Fairly straight forward. Fingers are numbered 1-4 as shown

STRINGS—An guitar has 6 strings. The thinnest string is the 1st string and the thickest string is the 6th string. The strings are **EADGBE**

So now we know this...

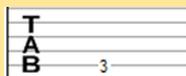
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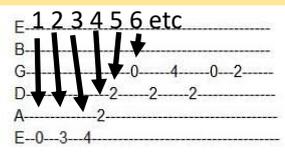
Numbers are then written on the lines. The numbers represent the frets. A number 3 on the A line means play the 3rd fret on the A string

A '0' means 'open' string. Your left hand fingers do not press down on a string



So now we know how to play and read this:

- 1. E open string
- 2. E 3rd fret
- 3. E 4th fret
- 4. A 2nd fret
- 5. D 2nd fret
- 6. G open string



Hold the guitar with your right hand over the body and the left hand holding the neck. Strum and pluck the strings over the hole with your right hand and press the strings on the frets with your left hand. It's best to sit when you play



There are many different guitars!

The **ACOUSTIC** guitar does not need to be plugged in (although this is possible) and can be taken anywhere. An acoustic comes in all sizes so children can learn to play

Listen to **Blackbird** by **The Beatles** or **Over the Hills and Far Away** by **Led Zeppelin**



The **ELECTRIC** guitar is plugged to an amplifier (amp). This makes the sound louder

Listen to **Highway Star** by **Deep Purple** or **Voodoo Child** by **Jimi Hendrix**



The **BASS** guitar only has 4 strings. It plays the lowest notes of the guitar family

Listen to **Under Pressure** by **Queen** and **David Bowie** or **Give It Away** by **Red Hot Chilli Peppers**



The **Ukulele** has its origins in Hawaii. It has 4 strings and is a member of the lute family. It comes in all sizes

Listen to **Over the Rainbow** by **Israel Kamakawiwo'ole** or **I'm Yours** by **Jason Mraz**

