

The Ukulele

Term 1



- Can I hold a ukulele correctly?
- Can I recognise the name of all four strings?
- Can I perform a C Major chord but *strumming* the strings

What is a Ukulele?

A musical instrument made from wood or plastic.

It's known as an exotic guitar and it comes from Portugal but was made popular on the island of Hawaii in the late 1800's.

It has strings.

It has frets.

You use one hand to press down on the strings and the other hand to pluck or strum the strings so that they can vibrate and make a noise.

He's A Pirate

Pirates Of The Caribbean Theme

Brittini Paiva

Low G
① = A ② = C
③ = B ④ = G

♩ = 110

1. 2. 3.

4. 5. 6.

7. 8. 9.

10. 11. 12.

13. 14. 15.

16. 17. 18.

19. 20. 21.

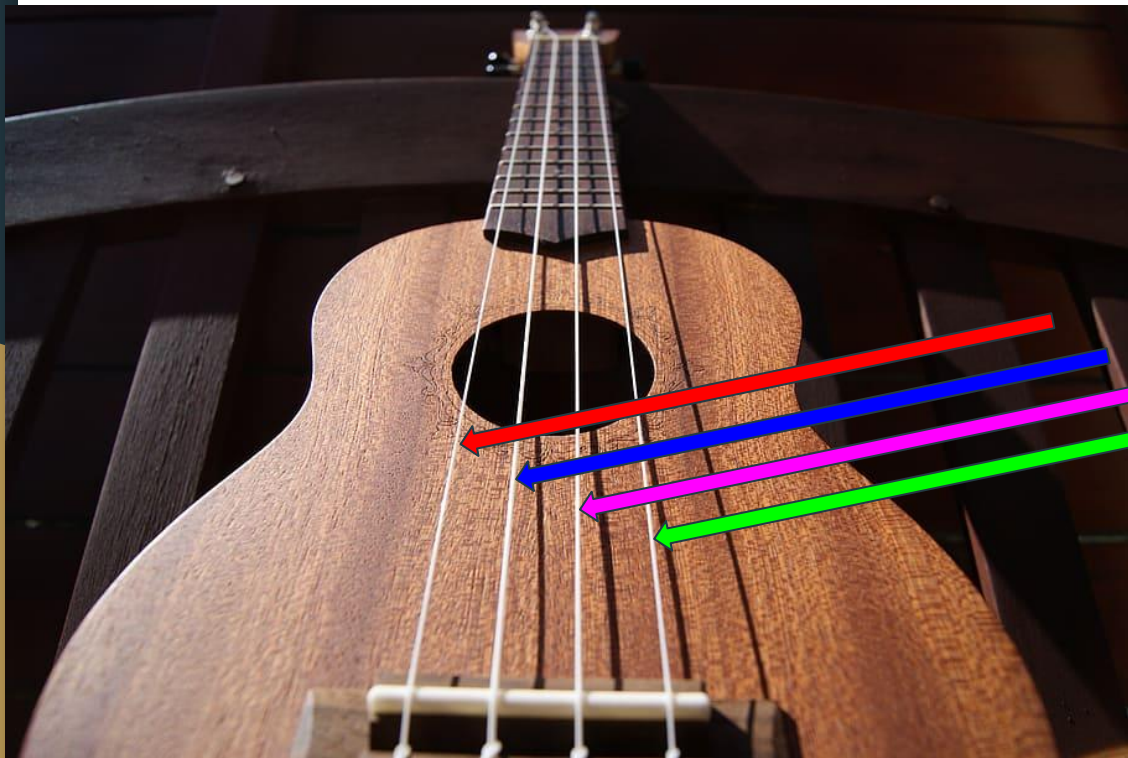
22. 23. 24.

25. 26. 27.

28. 29. 30.

31. 32. 33.

The Strings



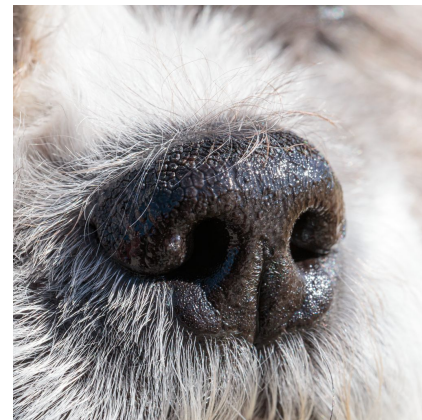
Here are the strings and each string has a different name:

GOOD
CHILDREN
EAT
APPLES

The Strings



Good is
closest to
your nose



Apples are
closest to
your toes



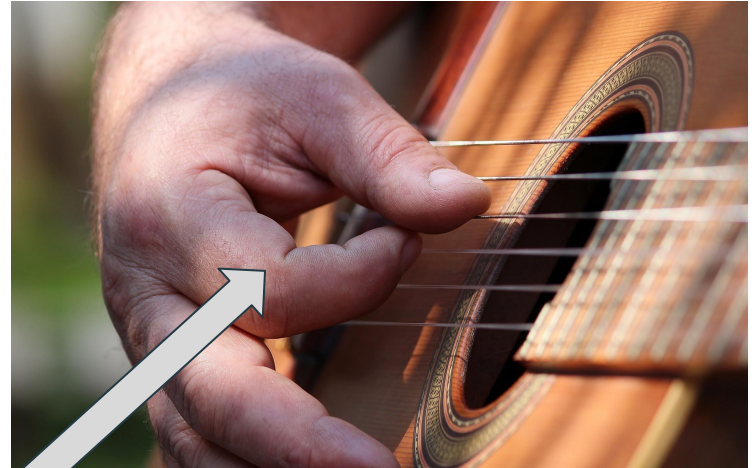
Plucking the Strings

You can pluck any of the strings.

Use your INDEX finger like a hook to pull the string up towards your nose.

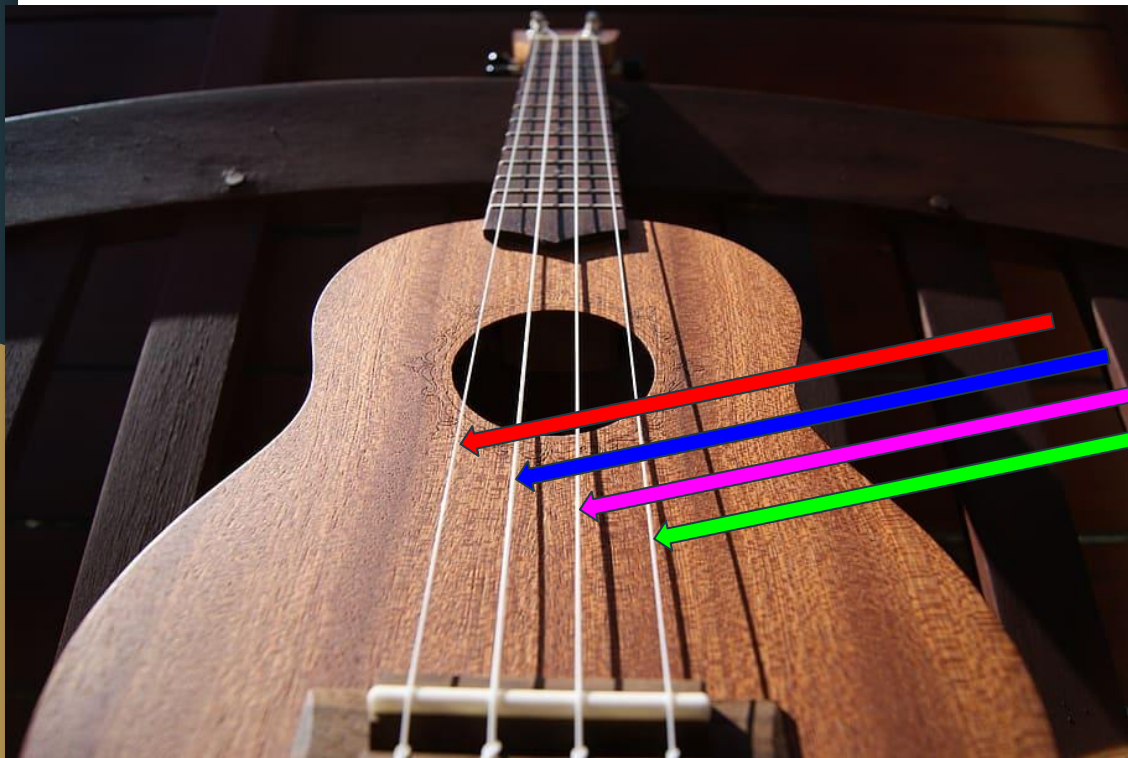
Your thumb can also pluck but it sits slightly on top of the string and pushes towards your toes.

INDEX finger ➡



Can you see
how this
guitarist's
INDEX finger
looks like a
hook?

Challenge Time!



I will shout out one of the four strings below, you have to PLUCK that string.

GOOD
CHILDREN
EAT
APPLES

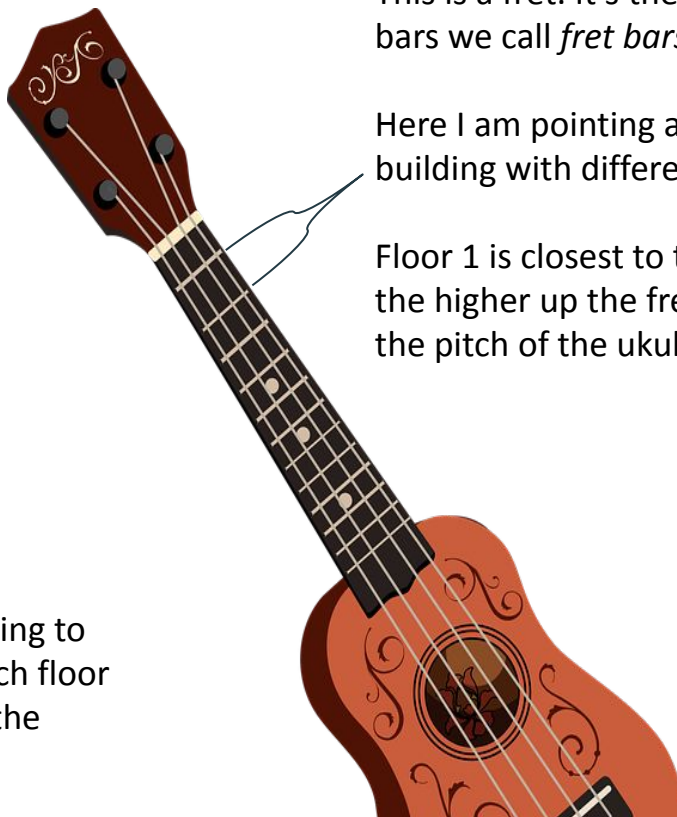
The Frets

This is a fret. It's the space between two gold bars we call *fret bars*.

Here I am pointing at FRET 2. A ukulele is like a building with different floors.

Floor 1 is closest to the head of the ukulele and the higher up the fretboard we press, the higher the pitch of the ukulele will sound.

So if we know which string to press down on and which floor (fret) then we can find the notes to play things.

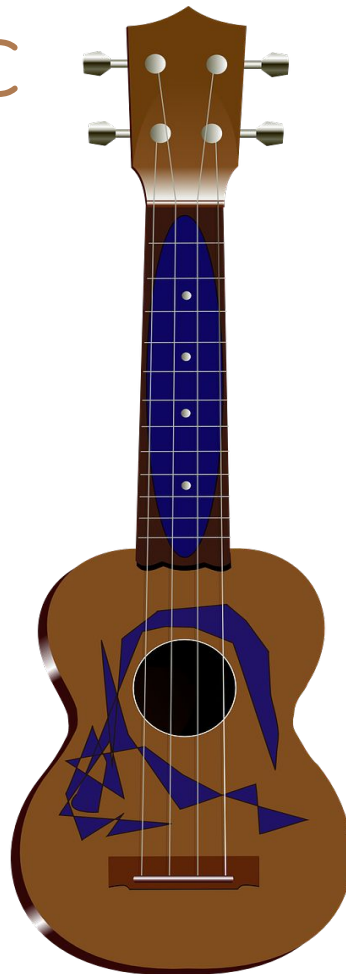


Finding The Note C

C is the first note most people learn on a ukulele. There is a good reason for this but all you need to know for now is it's the friendliest note.

Can you find the note C?

Can you play the note C by PLUCKING the string and pressing down in the right place?



Let's try a quick test.

C can be found on

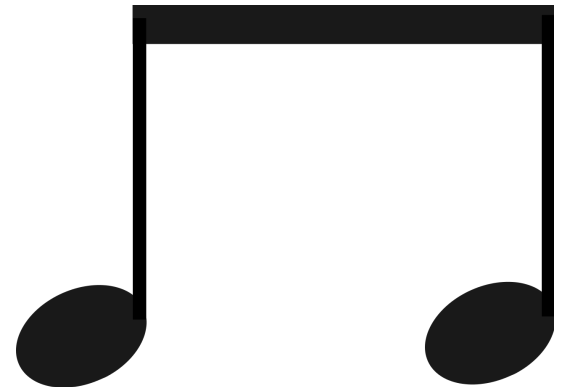
APPLES



On floor/ fret

number: 3

Rhythm



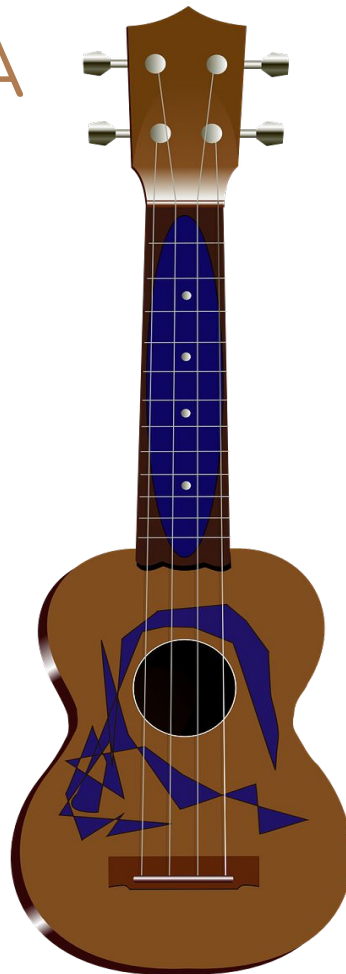
Finding The Note A

A is most often best played using
your middle finger.



Can you find the note A?

Can you play the note A by
PLUCKING the string using your
thumb and pressing down in the
right place?



Let's try a quick test.

C can be found on

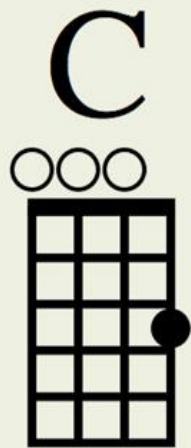
Good



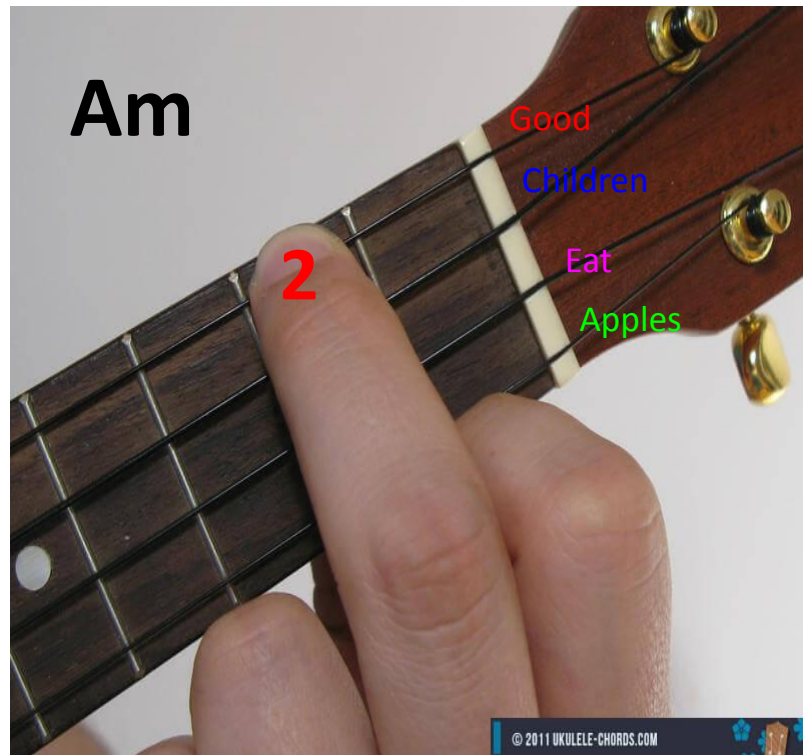
On floor/ fret

number: 2

Here's what the chords look like...



UKULELE
BUDDY



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C



C



C



C



C



C



Am



Am

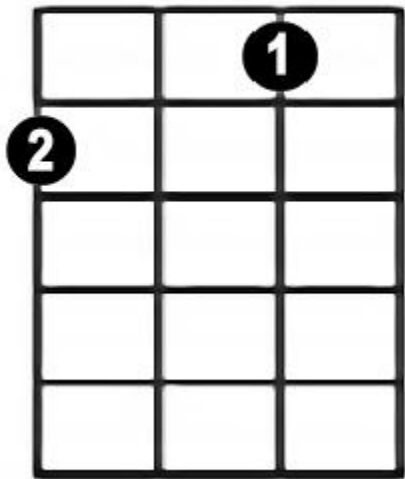


Ho Hey!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMpkqW5d2bc>

New Chord - F Major

F Major



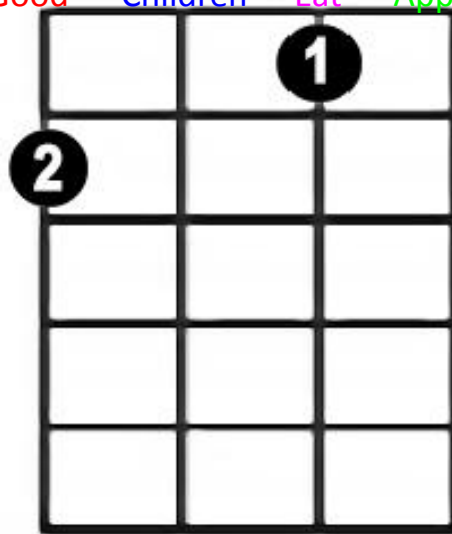
Am

Good
Children
Eat
Apples

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F Major

Good Children Eat Apples



Spotting Chord Changes

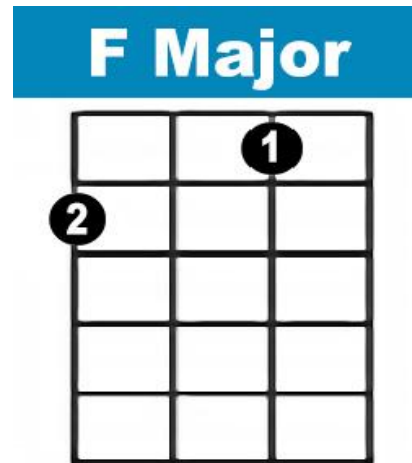
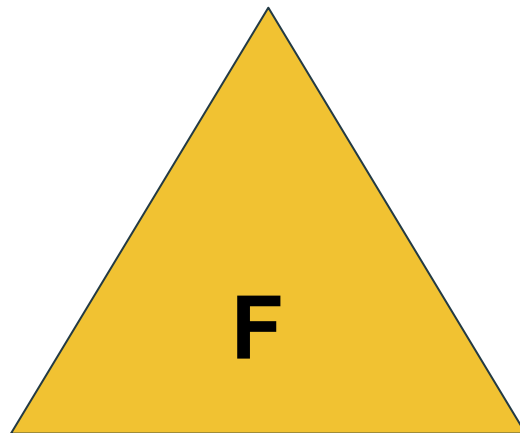
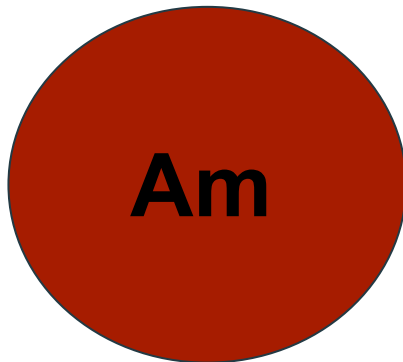
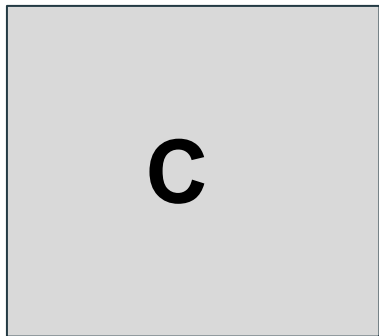
Now we are going to listen to our performance song.

See if you can spot the chords changing.

Let's clap when we hear the chords change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWgTqLCLE8k>

Playing the Chords



Pieces

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cfmMs5lcf0>