

Tuning a guitar

In standard tuning, the six open strings are **E A D G B** and **E**, which can be remembered using such mnemonic phrases as **Eric Ate Dynamite Good Bye Eric**.



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The low **E** (**Eric**) string can be tuned to a standard 'E' tuning fork (329Hz). Once done, we can count up the frets on the low **E** string until we reach the note **A**, on the fifth fret. Knowing this note is in tune, we can use it as a reference pitch, and tune the open **A** (**Ate**) string until it sounds the same as the low **E** (**Eric**) string played on the fifth fret.

A similar principle of referencing pitches from the string before to tune up the remaining strings can then be applied as below:

1. Make sure your sixth string is in tune (using a standard 'E' tuning fork – 329Hz)
2. Play the **E** (**Eric**) string on the fifth fret (**A**), then tune your open **A** (**Ate**) string until it they sound the same.
3. Play the **A** (**Ate**) string on the fifth fret (**D**), then tune your open **D** (**Dynamite**) string until they sound the same.
4. Play the **D** (**Dynamite**) string on the fifth fret (**G**), then tune your open **G** (**Good**) string until they sound the same.
5. Play the **G** (**Good**) string on the **FOURTH** fret (**B**), then tune your open **B** (**Bye**) string until they sound the same.
6. Play the **B** (**Bye**) string on the fifth fret (**E**), then tune your open high **E** (**Eric**) string until they sound the same.



Tuning a guitar using the 5th fret

Alternatively, use an electronic guitar tuner!