

# Any Body Can Learn To Play Guitar

*It's as easy as ABC!*

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# Introduction



Hi, my name is Kathy Unruh. Thanks for choosing me to be your guitar teacher!

In case you're wondering... I have been providing guitar lessons to students of various ages and interests from my home for over 25 years. It was at the end of December in 2003 that I decided to **create my own website** and expand my teaching to the internet.

My site went "live" in 2004 and since then it has continued to provide me with extra income and the opportunity to share my knowledge and experience with online guitar students just like you!

This e-book is an updated version of the original and it now includes links to **online videos!** I created the videos in order to provide you with additional learning resources.

You may print this e-book (either in part, or in whole) if you would like to study any of the lessons offline when you're away from the computer.

You'll find that each beginning guitar lesson in this e-book is written in a short, easy to follow format; offering a **primary objective** and a **practical application**.

The **four essential ingredients** you'll need to develop in order to become a good guitarist are:

- Knowledge
- Coordination
- Experience
- Skill

Try to keep these areas in mind as you're going through this course.

**To access the extra learning resources throughout this e-book, simply hover over any [blue link](#) until you see the pointing hand. Then just left click with your mouse button.**

If you are a brand new student, I suggest you follow each guitar lesson in sequential order. With a little effort you will begin to develop the coordination skills that are necessary to play the guitar well.

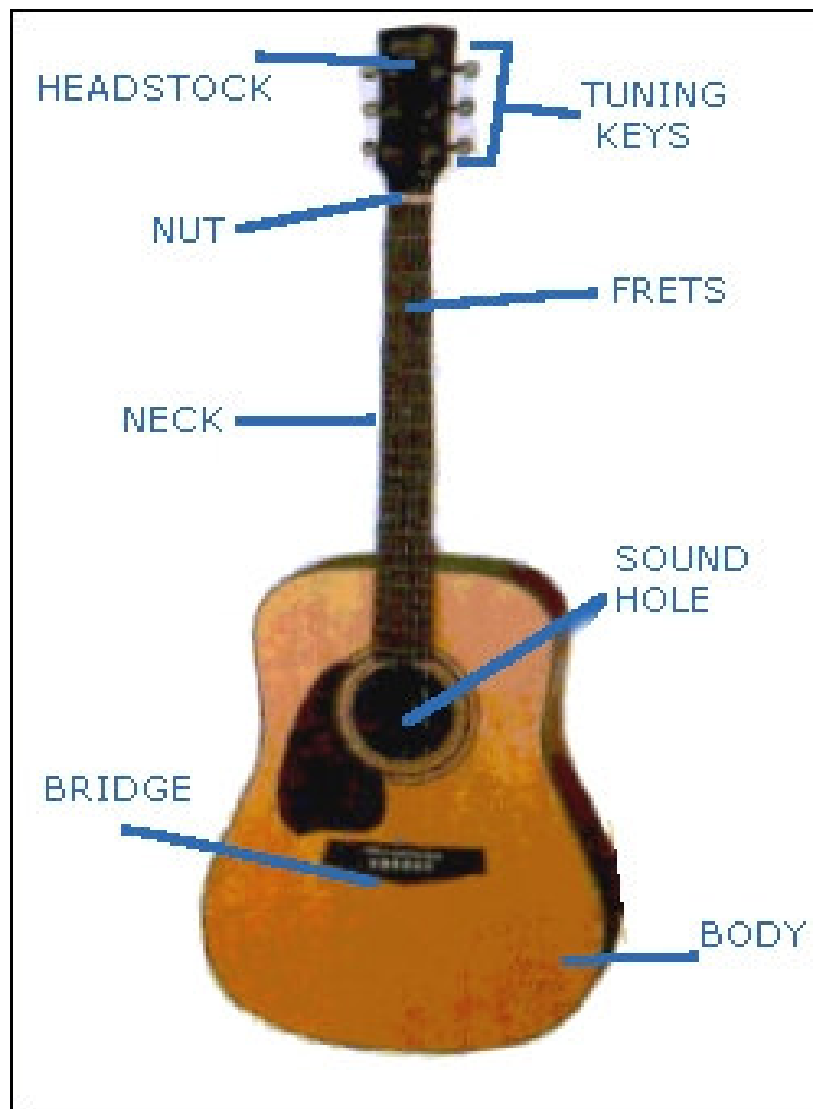
No matter what you may have been told, the path to becoming a good guitarist requires a commitment of your time and effort, and continuing education is the key to your success!

# GUITAR ANATOMY

## GETTING STARTED

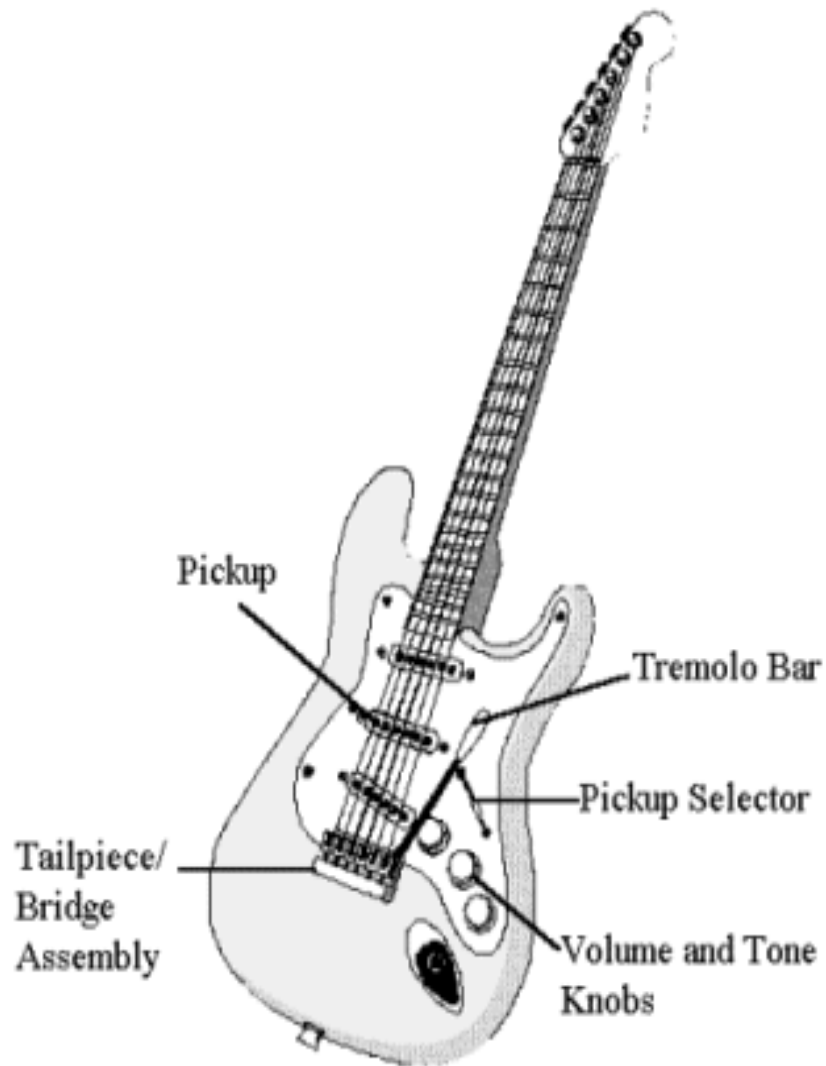
It's helpful to become familiar with the anatomy of a guitar before you begin the lessons. The following graphic identifies the various parts of an acoustic guitar...

### ACOUSTIC GUITAR



Here is another graphic identifying the parts of an electric guitar...

**ELECTRIC GUITAR**



# How the Guitar Strings are Identified

Knowing how the **guitar strings** are identified is foundational to everything else you will learn on the guitar. You will find this first lesson to be very easy and straight-forward, but don't overlook its importance! With that said, let's begin!

Did you know that, if you speak English, you already understand something about playing the guitar? That's right! Seven simple letters:

**A B C D E F G**

These seven letters make up the **MUSICAL ALPHABET** and with them you will learn:

- **How the Strings are Identified**
- **How the Fretboard Works**
- **How to Read Music**
- **How to Play Chords**

So, you'll want to become very familiar with these seven letters. Another thing you probably already know is that the basic guitar is equipped with six strings.

They are numbered in order from the highest sounding (first string), down to the lowest sounding (sixth string).

- 1 = First (high)
- 2 = Second
- 3 = Third
- 4 = Fourth
- 5 = Fifth
- 6 = Sixth (low)

Each string is also identified with a letter from the Musical Alphabet:

- 1 = E
- 2 = B
- 3 = G
- 4 = D
- 5 = A
- 6 = E

Below is a simple acrostic which I have my students use to help them memorize the letters associated with each string...

Start from the sixth and move up to the first.

1-----Ears----- (high sound)  
2-----Big-----  
3-----Grow-----  
4-----Dogs-----  
5-----And-----  
6-----Elephants----- (low sound)

They are referred to as the **OPEN** tones on the guitar. Click the link below and watch the video for more help...



### Identifying Your Guitar Strings...

**VIDEO:** <http://tinyurl.com/StringID-video>

#### LESSON OBJECTIVE:

- To memorize the **letters** and **numbers** associated with each string.

#### PRACTICE:

1. Play the **open** tones by starting on the sixth string and moving to the first.
2. Say the acoustic **out loud** as you hear the sound of each tone.
3. Then repeat the process saying just the first letter of each word in the acoustic.
4. After you have memorized the letters associated with each tone in this order, try saying them in **reverse** by starting on the first and moving back to the sixth.

Congratulations, you've just completed your first guitar lesson and now you know why I say that *it's as easy as ABC!* The "secret" lies within the Musical Alphabet.

If it seems a little weird at first, don't worry. I have a feeling the fog will disappear as we move along. ☺

Keep a notebook handy just in case you have questions that you want to get help with later on....

Well, I hope you enjoyed the guitar lesson inside this free ebook. Now you've seen for yourself that it's easy to **learn how to play guitar** when you have the right resources!

In fact, there's no need to stop here. In just a few minutes, you can be on your way to learning so much more about the guitar. Just imagine if you could also...

**Read Tab, Strum Chords, Play Songs,  
Understand Scales, Rhythm, Musical Terms & more...**

***Plus, discover how to play the 12 bar blues,  
and pick-up some cool techniques in the process too!***

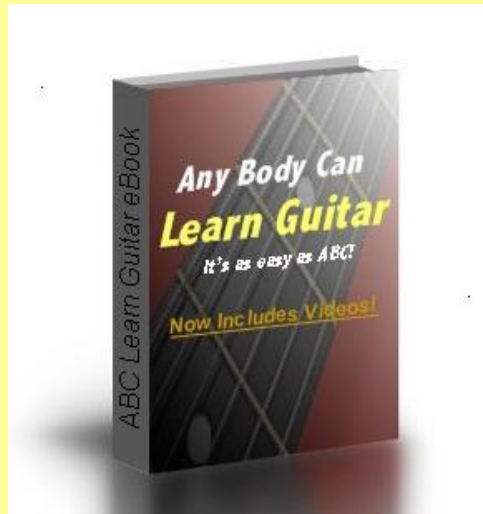
Whether you're looking to play guitar for your own personal enjoyment, or want to be in a band someday, your chances of success will be multiplied many times over with the help of the **AbcLearnGuitar eBook**.

So, I want to encourage you to keep going!

Just click the blue link below and learn how you can get your own copy today...

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All the best to your success!

*Kathy Unruh*