

# Easy Guitar

## Stage 1

### holding the guitar



(footstool under left foot)

### note finder

**G:** 3<sup>rd</sup> string, open  
**A:** 3<sup>rd</sup> string, 2<sup>nd</sup> fret

**B:** 2<sup>nd</sup> string, open  
**C:** 2<sup>nd</sup> string, 1<sup>st</sup> fret  
**D:** 2<sup>nd</sup> string, 3<sup>rd</sup> fret

**E:** 1<sup>st</sup> string, open  
**F:** 1<sup>st</sup> string, 1<sup>st</sup> fret  
(top) **G:** 1<sup>st</sup> string, 3<sup>rd</sup> fret

### learning the open strings

The first string is the thinnest one. It is often called the top string (even though it's at the bottom!)

**E**lephants **A**nd **D**onkeys **G**row **B**ig **E**ars  
6th            5th 4th            3rd 2nd 1st    < string number

### basic technique

Keep your fingernails short.  
Pluck with "i" and "m", strum with "p".

Press left hand fingers firmly just behind fret.  
Keep fingers on tips, and thumb behind fretboard

### first tunes

Twinkle Twinkle: / GG / DD / EE / D / CC / BB / AA / G

Easy scale: / GG / AA / BB / CC / DD / EE / FF / GG (top)

"legato" means connected (like lego). The opposite of legato is "staccato".

Which sounds best?