

Speed Guitar

A simple guide to understand guitar and build real skills.



Understand



Build Skills



Play Freely



Make Real
Progress



A Different Way to Learn

Most guitar courses teach you a few chords and songs. That's not enough.

At SpeedGuitar, we help you understand how guitar actually works. When you understand the basics, you can play any song, learn faster, and enjoy the journey.



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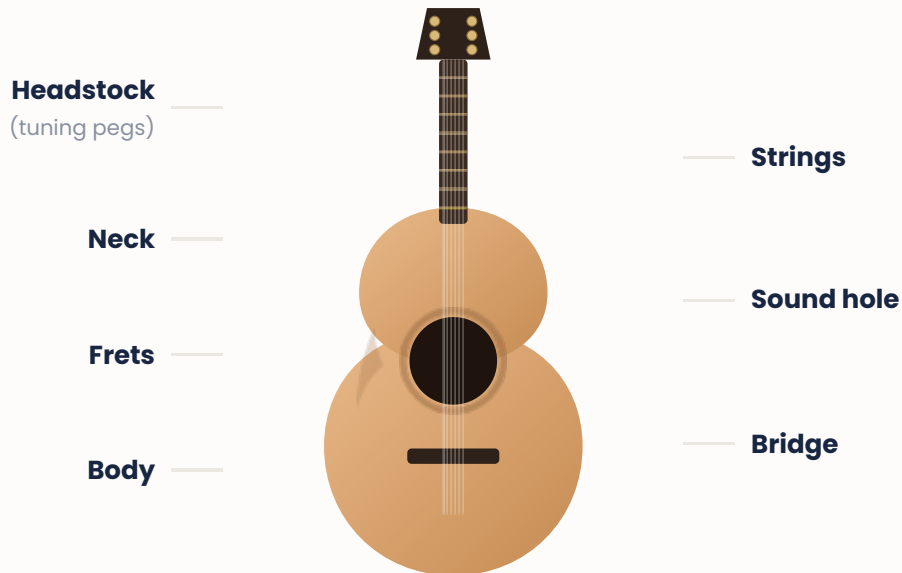
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“A stronger you on guitar.”

— SpeedGuitar

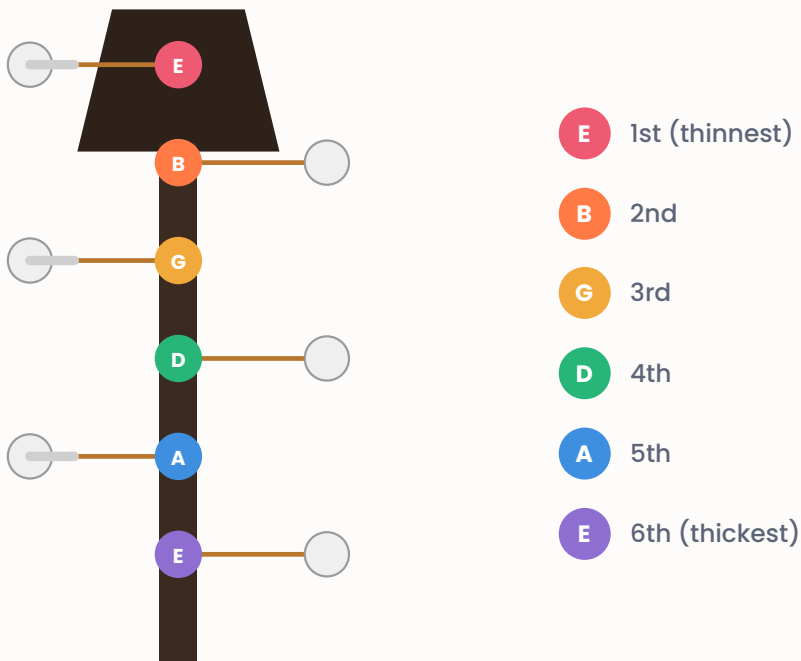
Meet Your Guitar

Let's get familiar with the parts. You don't need to remember everything right now, just get a basic idea.



The Strings

A guitar has 6 strings. Each string has a name. From the thickest (bottom) to the thinnest (top).



Tip: Remember — EADGBE
(Every Amazing Day, Great Bands Exist)

Tuning Your Guitar

Before you play, your guitar needs to be in tune. Tuning means adjusting each string until it matches the right pitch.

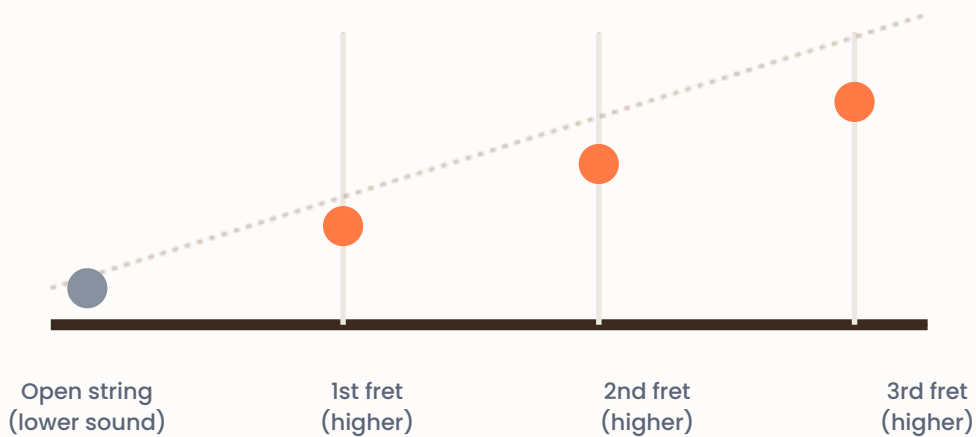
- 1 Open a tuner**
Use a clip-on tuner or a free tuner app on your phone.
- 2 Pluck one string**
Play one string at a time, starting from the thickest (low E).
- 3 Turn the peg slowly**
Turning one way raises the pitch, the other way lowers it.
- 4 Match the note**
Stop once the tuner shows it's in tune, then move to the next string.



Tip: New strings stretch as you play. Re-tune every few minutes until they settle.

How Frets Work

The neck has metal strips called frets. When you press a string on a fret, the note becomes higher.



 **Tip:** Each fret is a small step up in pitch.

The Fretboard Map

The same notes repeat across the neck. Once you see the pattern, you can find notes easily.

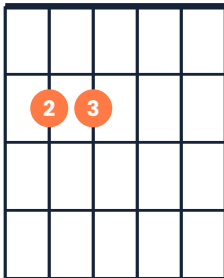
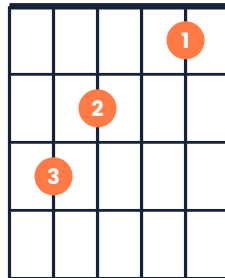
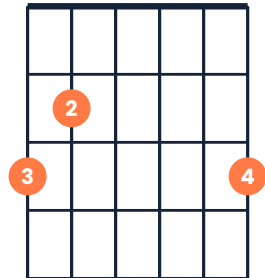
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G	G	G#	A	A#	B
D	D	D#	E	F	F#
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	1	2	3	4	5



Tip: Patterns repeat. This is why understanding is more powerful than memorizing.

Your First Chords

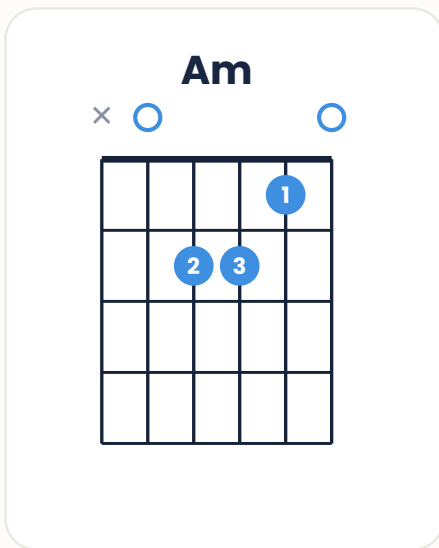
Let's learn a few basic chords. These will help you start playing songs.

Em**C****G**

You don't need to memorize hundreds of chords. Understand a few, and you can learn the rest easily.

Reading Chord Diagrams

Chord diagrams look confusing at first. Once you know the code, you can read any chord instantly.

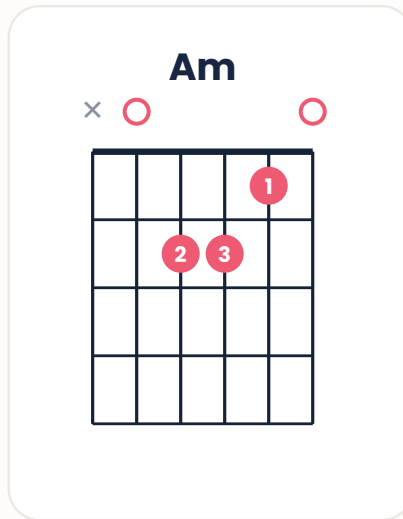
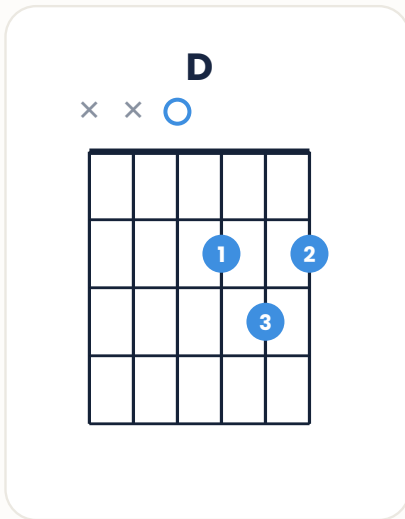


- **Vertical lines**
Each line is one string.
- **Horizontal lines**
Each line is one fret.
- **× above a string**
Don't play that string.
- **O above a string**
Play it open — no finger needed.
- **A dot on the grid**
Press that fret with a finger.

💡 **Tip:** Finger numbers: 1 = index, 2 = middle, 3 = ring, 4 = pinky.

Two More Chords: D & Am

A few more shapes and you can already play hundreds of songs.



- ✓ Now you know 5 chords — Em, C, G, D, Am. That's enough to play thousands of songs.

How Chords Are Built

Chords are made by combining notes. Most common chords use 3 notes.

1**Root note**

the main note

3**Third**

gives the chord its type

5**Fifth**

adds fullness



Tip: When you understand this, you can create and recognize chords easily.

Strumming

Strumming means hitting the strings with your finger or a pick. Start with a simple pattern.



Tip: Keep a steady rhythm. Use a metronome if possible.

What is Rhythm?

Rhythm is the timing of the music. It tells you when to play.

1

2

3

4

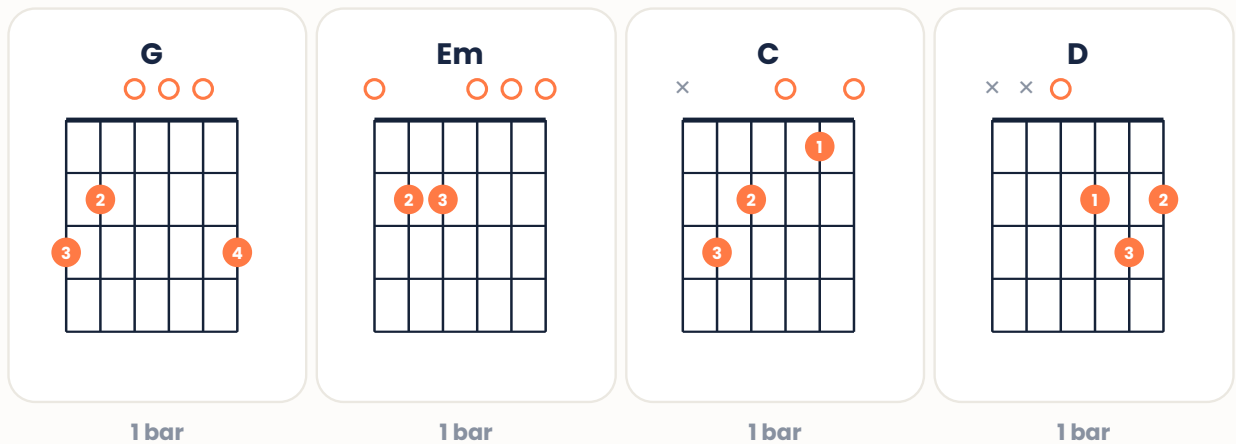
Most songs are in **4 beats per bar**.



Try this: Clap 1 2 3 4, and keep repeating. Now strum along.

Your First Easy Song

Let's put it all together with a 4-chord progression used in thousands of songs.



Strum each chord with the **Down Down Up Up Down Up** pattern from the last page, then move to the next chord. Loop the four chords again and again.



Tip: Change chords right on beat 1 of each new bar. Go slowly at first — speed will come with repetition.

Practice Plan

A simple plan to build real progress.

1**5 minutes — Warm up**

Finger exercises

2**10 minutes — Chords**

Practice clean changes

3**10 minutes — Rhythm**

Strum with a steady beat

4**10 minutes — Play a song**

Use what you learned



Small, regular practice beats long, irregular sessions.

Common Beginner Mistakes

Everyone makes these early on. Spotting them early saves you weeks of frustration.



Pressing too hard

Tense fingers tire fast. Press just enough for a clean, buzz-free sound.



Rushing chord changes

Speed comes after accuracy. Go slow and clean before going fast.



Ignoring string buzz

Buzzing usually means a finger is too close to the fret. Move it closer to the fret wire.



Skipping warm-up

Cold fingers move slower and tire sooner. Stretch before you play.



Comparing Day 1 to someone's Year 1

Everyone starts at zero. Progress is personal — track your own.

Caring for Your Guitar

A little care keeps your guitar sounding great and in tune for years.



Wipe strings after playing

Sweat and oils cause rust and dull tone over time.



Store it in a case or stand

Keep it away from leaning against walls or furniture.



Avoid heat, sun, humidity swings

Extreme changes can warp wood and pull it out of tune.



Change strings every 2–3 months

Old strings sound dull and are harder to keep in tune.

What's Next?

This guide gives you a taste of the SpeedGuitar approach — simple, clear, and built on fundamentals.

In the full course, you'll go deeper, learn more techniques, understand music better, and become a confident guitarist.

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Understand

A blue rounded rectangular button with the text "Practice" in white.

Practice

Same Guitar. A Smarter You.

See you inside! — Team SpeedGuitar

Quick Recap

Here are the key things you learned:



Parts of the guitar



Tuning basics



6 strings (EADGBE)



How frets work



The fretboard map



5 basic chords



Reading chord diagrams



Strumming



Rhythm (4 beats)



Your first song



Practice plan



Mistakes to avoid

Keep Going with SpeedGuitar

This is just the beginning. Imagine what you can do when you understand the whole guitar.

- ✓ Step-by-step video lessons
- ✓ Beginner-friendly explanations
- ✓ Songs, exercises and real examples
- ✓ Builds your skills the right way

Join the Full Course →

Thank You

Thanks for reading Speed Guitar. I hope this guide helps you see guitar in a new way.



**Keep
Practicing**



Stay Curious



**Enjoy the
Journey**

“Music is a skill anyone can learn. You just need the right foundation.”

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A Special Gift for You

As a thank you, here's a free bonus for you!



Practice Journal

- ✓ Track your practice
- ✓ Set small goals
- ✓ Stay motivated
- ✓ Build habits



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