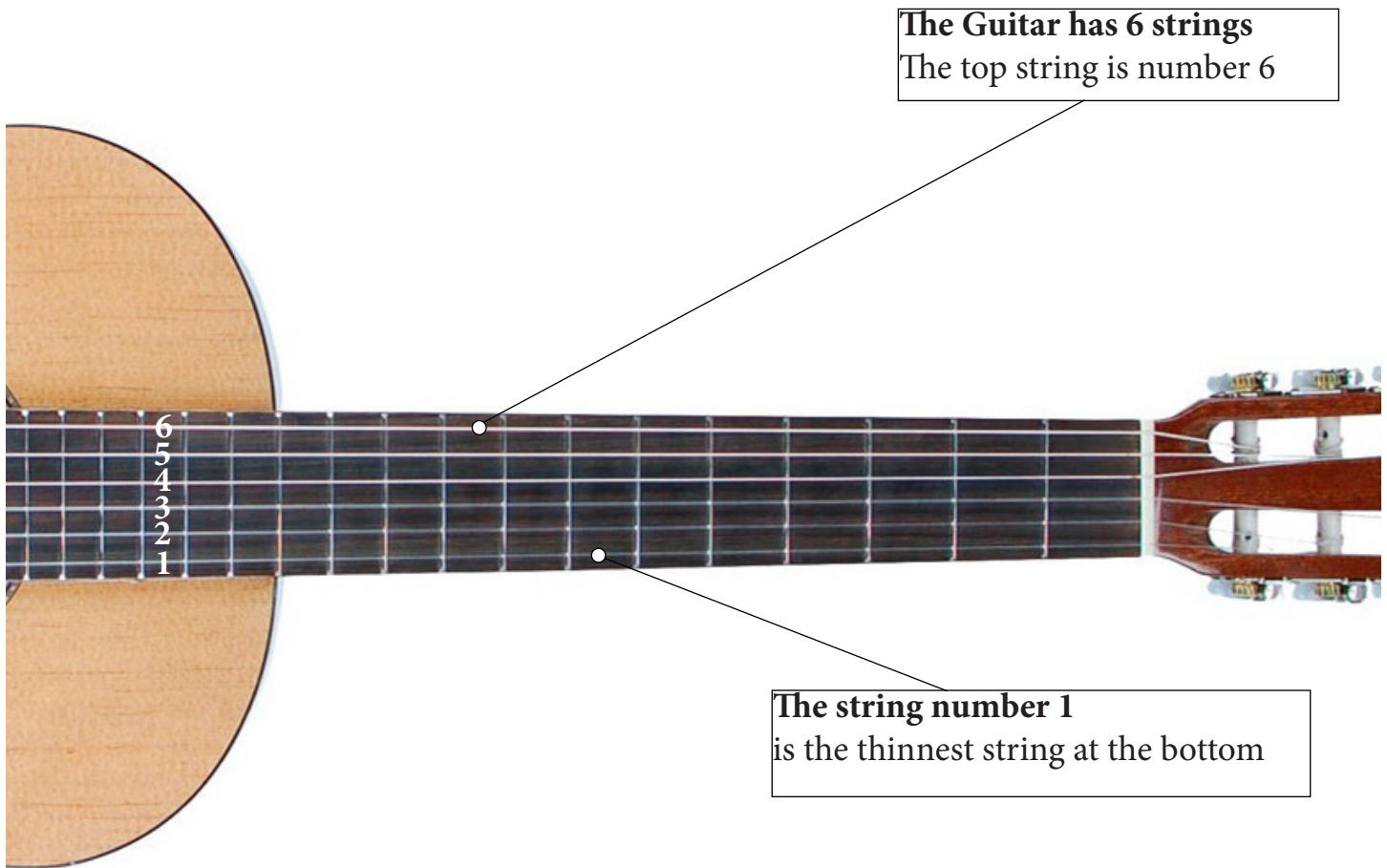
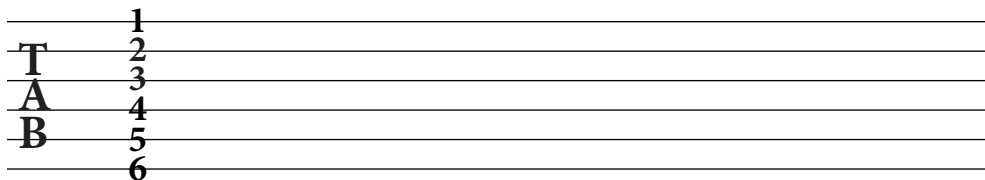


HOW TO READ TABLATURE



TABLATURE

The tablature is a way of reading guitar in a very easy way. Using 6 lines and numbers is possible to read music. The 6 lines are representing the 6 strings in the guitar.



IMPORTANT!

Notice how the lines in the TAB, are backwards!
The string number 6 is at the BOTTOM, not at the top.
Because they are arranged by the sound. So in the TAB, the low sounding string is at the bottom (string 6)
and the high sounding string is at the top (string1)



The FRETS

The guitar has many frets. The vertical metal bars in the fretboard.

Fret No. 3

Fret No. 1

Fret No. 2

Do not press the frets!

When we play guitar, we don't touch the frets, we play between them.

Here!



In real life...

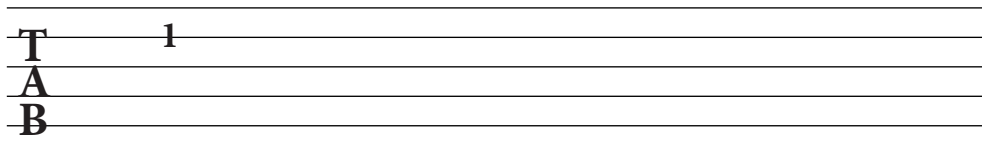
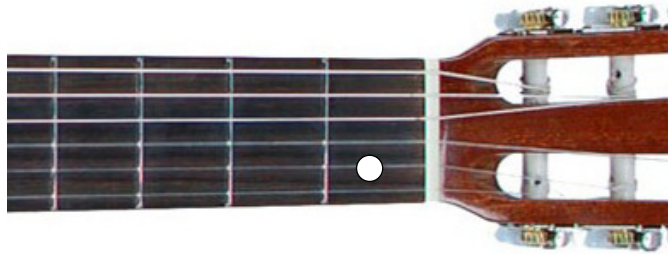
So in real life this is Fret No. 1 - String No. 2

To play this note, you need to strum the string.

With your thumb in your right hand, strum the string No. 2

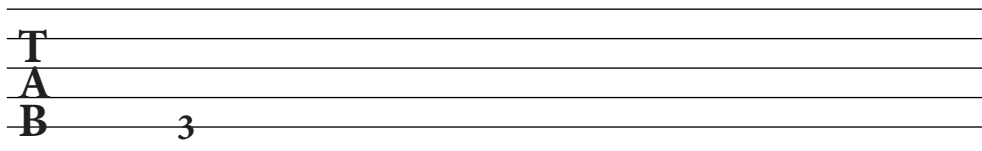
The note in the TAB

The same note would look like this in the TAB.



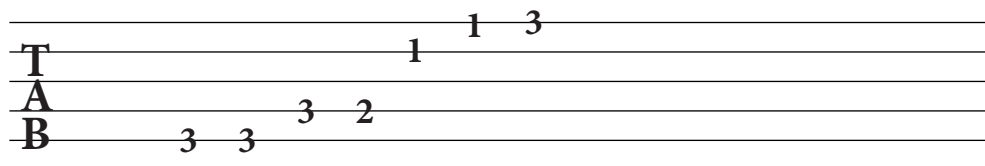
Another note

Another note, like C would be here.



It means, that you are playing the string No. 5,
and pressing the Fret No. 3.

A little song in a TAB would look like this...



And you read it from left to right.

Open strings.

But what happens when you have to play an open string, or a string without pressing any frets.

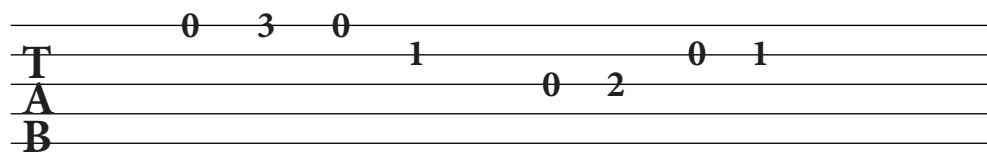
You then have to use the “0”



This means, that you are playing the String No. 6, open. You do not press any frets at all.

You can see thi white dot, outside to the right. Do not press anything with your left hand. This is an open string.

Try to play this notes...



It should sound like a little song

If you can play these notes, it means that you understand how to read TAB.

It's not difficult, just remember it's backwards, and the numbers are the Frets, and the “0” is an open string.

Jingle Bells

TAB

0 0 0	0 0 0	0 3	0	1 1 1	0 0 0	0	3
		1 3					3

TAB

0 0 0	0 0 0	0 3	0	1 1 1	0 0 0	3 1 0	3 1
		1 3					3 1

Sample of TAB music

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TAB

1-2-3-4	1-2-3-4	1-2-3-4	1-2-3-4
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C

TAB

3	0	2	3	0	2	0	1
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5 5 5 2

6 7 7 7 8 9 9 9 6 6

3 2 0 0 3 2 2 0 0 3 2 0

If you can play these sample, even if it's really slow, and note by note, then you understand how to read TAB.

From now on, you will see a lot of music using this method, and you will be able to play a lot of songs.

Practice every day and enjoy music.