

HOW TO PLAY THE A CHORD

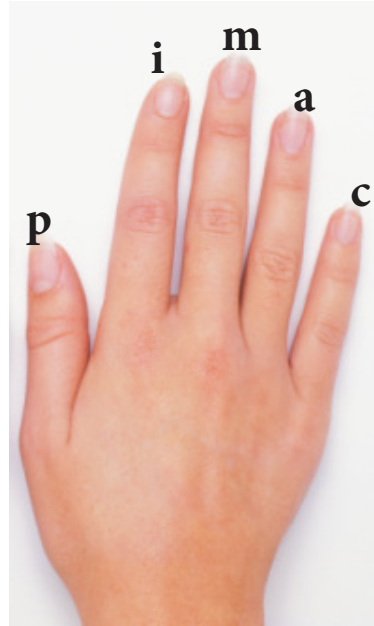
Two hands.

To play the A Chord, or any chord, you need two hands.



Left Hand.

In the left hand we use only four fingers.
The thumb is for support only.
We use the four for pressing the strings in the fretboard.



Right Hand.

The fingers in the Right Hand are with letters. We use all five.
We use the Right Hand for playing and strumming the strings.

p = pulgar (thumb)
i = índice (index)
m = medio (middle)
a = anular (ring)
c = chico (pinky)

The A Chord

The A Chord is easy to play. You need 3 fingers.

Fingers 1, 2 and 3.

When you press the strings, you can strum all the Strings.

Play with an even strumming.



The A Chord, looks like this in TAB.

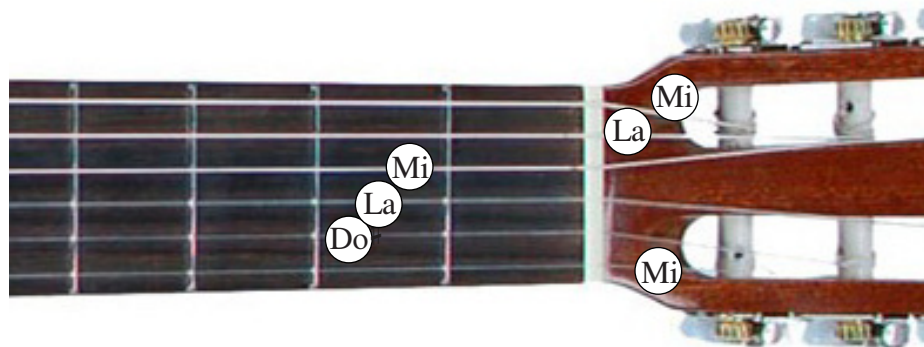
	0
T	2
A	2
B	2
	0
	0

The A Chord

This Chord has 3 notes: La - Do[#] - Mi

or if we use letters, they are: A - C[#] - E.

When we press the strings, we are just pressing these 3 notes in all six strings.



You can play all the strings and you will be playing these three notes, "La-Do[#]-Mi" You can strum the strings from top to bottom or from bottom to top.

As long as you play these 3 notes you are playing the A Chord.

Exercises in the A Chord

Play one string at a time to play the basic A Chord.

1

Musical notation for exercise 1: A guitar staff with strings T, A, B. The first measure has fret numbers 2, 2, 0 on strings T, A, B respectively. The second measure has fret number 0 on string T. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Play one string at a time and repeat many times.

2

Musical notation for exercise 2: A guitar staff with strings T, A, B. The first measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 0 on strings T, A, B. The second measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. The piece ends with a double bar line.

One string and the Chord.

3

Musical notation for exercise 3: A guitar staff with strings T, A, B. The first measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. The second measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. Below the staff are two downward-pointing arrows, one under each measure.

One by one.

4

Musical notation for exercise 4: A guitar staff with strings T, A, B. The first measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. The second measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. The piece ends with a double bar line.

One string and two times the Chord.
Play strumming up, with your fingers.

5

Musical notation for exercise 5: A guitar staff with strings T, A, B. The first measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. The second measure has fret numbers 0, 2, 2 on strings T, A, B. Below the staff are four downward-pointing arrows, two under each measure.