

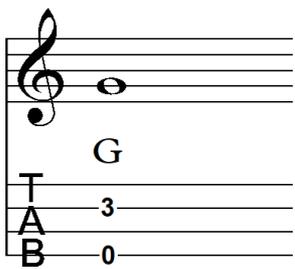
Learning to Read Ukulele Music

Learning to read music is one of the first things we do when we learn to play an instrument. If you ask all your friends who play other instruments how they know what notes to play? They will tell you it is because they can read music.

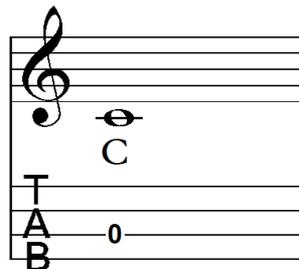
You might not think it's important to read music for ukulele as you may think it is just about strumming along to some of your favourite songs. However, if you learn to read music it will help you play and understand your chords better, learn great tunes, riffs, as well as strums and get really... REALLY GOOD!!!

Music is a universal language and it all starts with the notes we write on the staff.

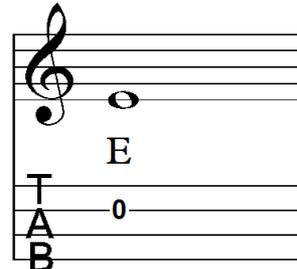
Here are the four open strings. Hold your ukulele in playing position. Start with putting your thumb on string ④ (G the nearest one to your chin) and move it downwards string by string until you have found all four strings. They are called G C E A. Pluck each in turn, with your thumb in a circular motion and listen to the sound they make.



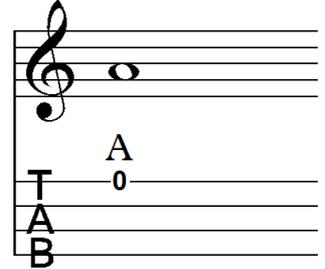
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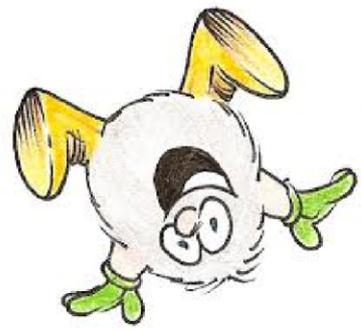
String ①

YOU CAN LEARN THE NAMES OF YOUR STRINGS BY SAYING

Good Cooks Eat Always

Yippee!

Open String Piece



G C E A

Ukulele

Start - ing with the 4th string, G G G,
G is the string nearest your chin

Ukulele

5

Uke.

Mov - ing to the 3rd string. That's a C

Uke.

9

Uke.

Then on to the 2nd string E E E

Uke.

13

Uke.

A is on the 1st string, shout Yip - pee!!

Uke.

My Dog Has Fleas



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open string strums Jane Sebba

Ukulele

My dog has fleas, fleas, fleas. He climbs up trees, trees,

G C E A A A G C E A A

Ukulele

Uke.

5 trees. He eats blue cheese cheese cheese. That dog with fleas, fleas, fleas.

A G C E A A A G C E A A A

Uke.

The ukulele has 4 strings tuned G C A E
 This piece uses them in order from your chin to the floor.
 Use it to learn the names of each string.