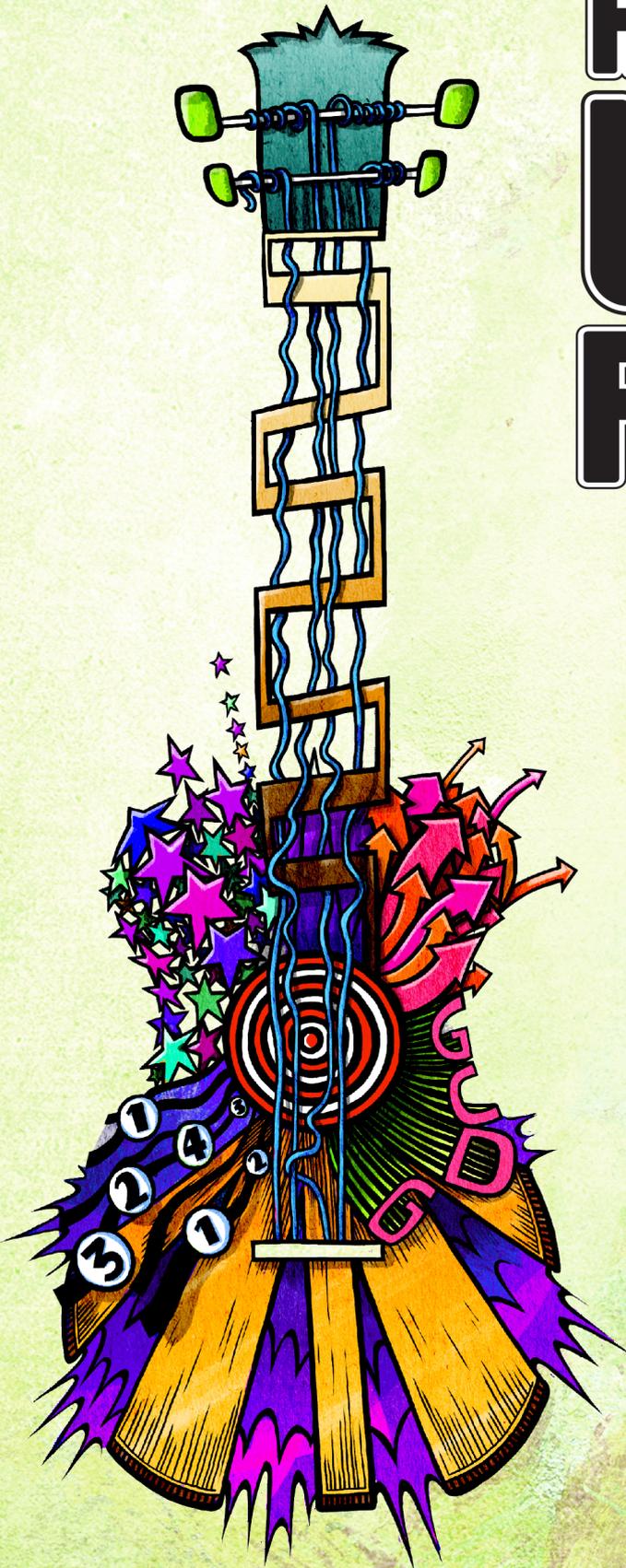


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HOW TO PLAY UKULELE FOR KIDS



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Hey there kids!

Welcome to 'How To Play Ukulele For Kids'. In this book, we are going to learn a fun way to play a bunch of great songs!

The 'How To Play' series is the quickest and easiest way to learn how to play Ukulele and you will be amazed at how far and how fast you will progress on your musical instrument.

As well as learning popular songs, this book will also introduce you to exploring your own creativity through playing scales.

I really hope you enjoy playing through my book and that it helps you further along on your musical journey!

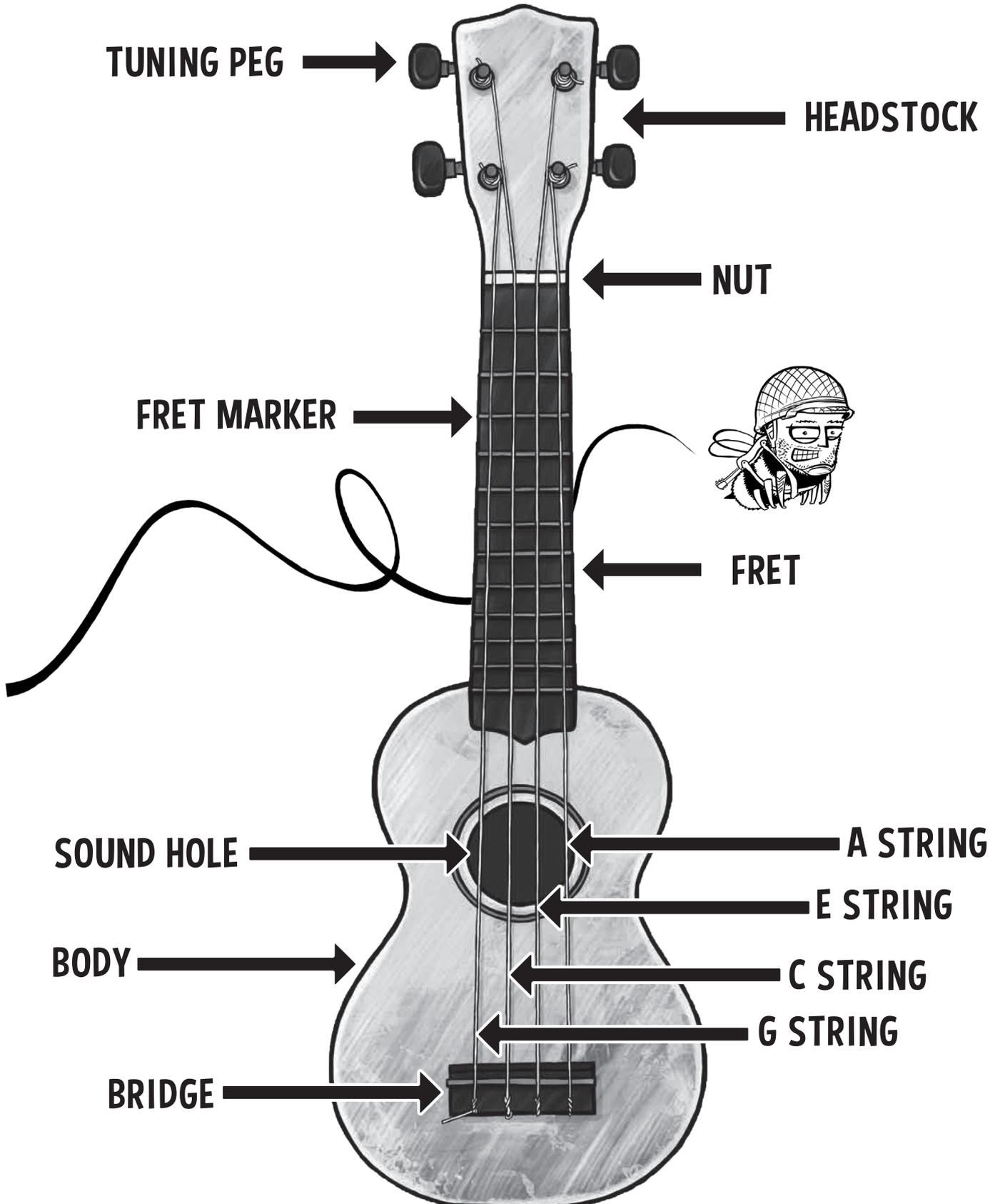
Let's Play Ukulele!



Cal Williams Jr



Ukulele



How to Hold Your Ukulele

Step #1

Sit down on a chair, pick up your Ukulele and then gently place the Ukulele on your right leg* with the strings facing outwards. The round bottom of the Ukulele body will rest on your right leg and the Ukulele neck is positioned so that it points towards your left shoulder.

Step #2

Bring your right arm over the front of the Ukulele, so that your hand can touch the strings at the base of the Ukulele neck, where the fretboard meets the body. You can now extend your Pointy Finger so that it rests on the Ukulele strings. We call the right-hand the Plucking Hand and the Pointy Finger will be our Plucking Finger!

Step #3

Now that we have our Plucking Hand in position, we can lift our left-hand up to the neck of the Ukulele, with our fingers placed on top of the strings and our thumb located behind the neck. We call the left-hand the Fretting Hand!

We are now in position to start playing the Ukulele. Remember to keep both feet on the floor and have a straight back. A strong upright Ukulele playing posture makes our back and shoulders feel very happy!

* Please note : Left-handed Ukulele players will do the opposite of right-handed Ukulele players. i.e. Ukulele on the left leg, left hand for plucking and right hand for fretting. Everything else is pretty much the same!

Tuning Your Ukulele

Before we can play the songs and scales in this book we will first need to tune our Ukulele!

Tuning your Ukulele can be a little bit tricky at first so you might like to ask a grown-up to help you. First of all, you will need an electronic tuner that you can buy from any good music store. Please make sure that the tuner is a 'Chromatic Tuner' as that can tune all sorts of instruments with different strings.

The best kind of tuner is known as a Clip-On tuner which attaches to the head of the Ukulele and tunes the Ukulele by sound vibrations.

To check our string tuning with the Clip-On tuner we must first of all name our strings by facing the strings of our Ukulele towards us. We can read the order of the open strings of the Ukulele from left to right as the notes **G C E A**. We can remember the order of open string notes by the rhyme :

Good Chickens Eat Apples

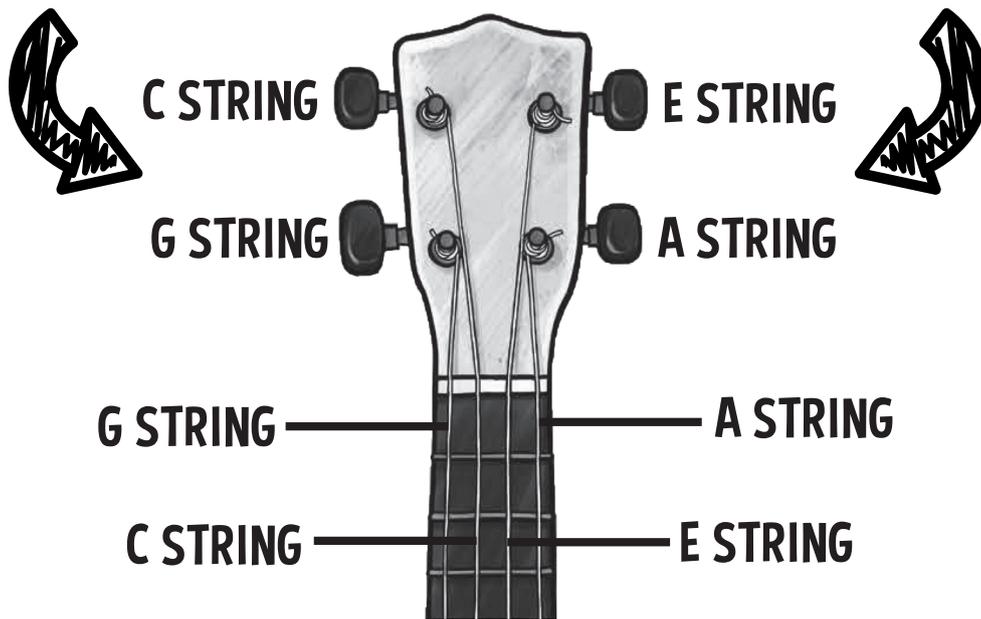
Once the Clip-On tuner is attached to the head of the Ukulele, we can look at how to match the notes on the tuner with the strings of the Ukulele.



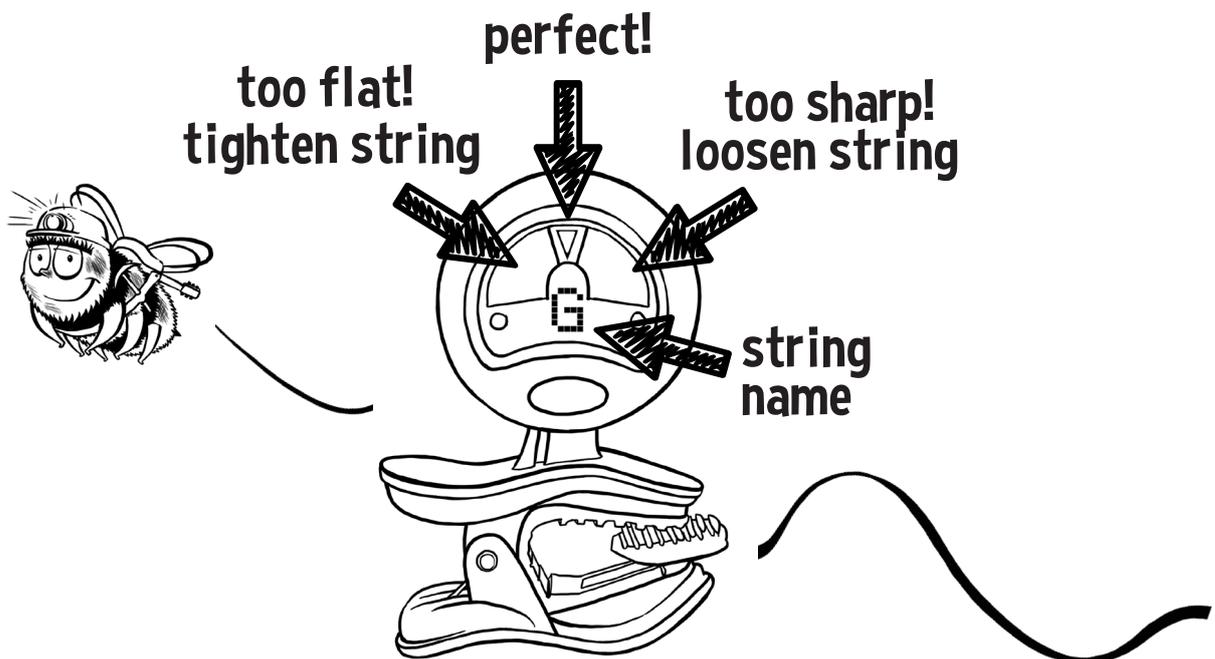
The Tuner and the Strings

For the G and C strings we turn the Tuning Pegs Anti-Clockwise to tighten and Clockwise to loosen

For the E and A strings we turn the Tuning Pegs Clockwise to tighten and Anti-Clockwise to loosen



The Clip-On Tuner





The Plucking Hand

Now that we have tuned our Ukulele we can look at how to play the strings using our Plucking Hand.

The Plucking Hand is the name we give to our right-hand when playing Ukulele and it sits on the strings where the neck of the Ukulele meets the body. For left-handed players the Plucking Hand will be the left hand.

We can now play our first note on the Ukulele using the tip of our Pointy Finger. First of all, we can rest the Pointy Finger on any Ukulele string. We can then hook the bottom of the string with our Pointy Finger as we pluck up towards the sky. This is called The Pointy Finger Pluck!

This should make a sound by making the string vibrate. Did you make a sound?

Congratulations! You are now playing the Ukulele! Let's look at the Plucking Hand on the next page to make sure that we are playing with the correct finger.

The Pointy Finger always plucks up towards you by hooking the bottom of the ukulele string with your Pointy Finger pad or nail. It can help to grow the nail of your Pointy Finger to create a clean, clear and crisp sound.

