STEP BY STEP

STANDARD TUNING · A4 = 440 HZ

How to tune your guitar

Standard tuning, low to high: E · A · D · G · B · E. Works with any tuner; the free one on the QR code runs in your browser.

THE SIX STRINGS

String 1	String 2	String 3	String 4	String 5	String 6
E4	B3	G3	D3	A2	E2
329.6 Hz	246.9 Hz	196.0 Hz	146.8 Hz	110.0 Hz	82.4 Hz

String 1 is the thinnest, closest to the floor. Memory aid, string 6 to 1: Eddie Ate Dynamite, Good Bye Eddie.

FIVE STEPS

1. **Open the tuner and allow the microphone.**
   Hold the guitar close to your phone or laptop. Quiet rooms work best.
2. **Pluck one string and let it ring.**
   Start with string 6, the thickest. Play the open string, no fingers on the frets.
3. **Too low (flat)? Tighten. Too high (sharp)? Loosen.**
   Turn the tuning peg a little at a time and pluck again. Stop when the needle is in the middle and turns green.
4. **Always tune up to the note.**
   If you go too high, loosen below the note and come back up. The string holds its pitch better.
5. **Go through all six, then check them again.**
   Tuning one string changes the tension on the neck, so a second pass catches small shifts.

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