

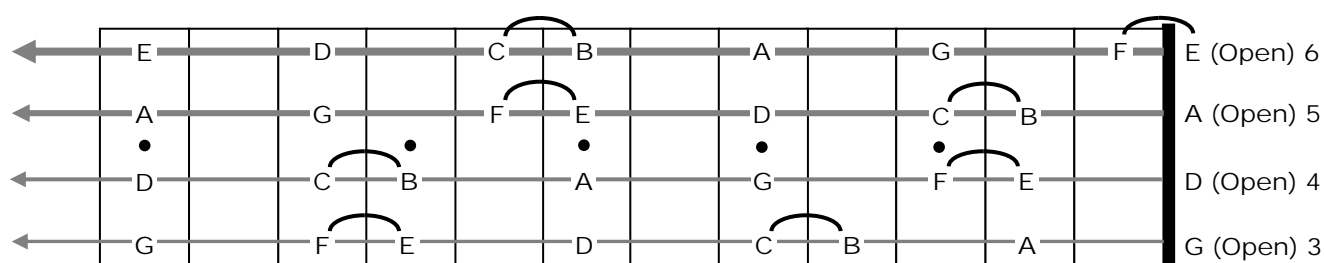
# Learning the "E" and "A" Notes – Bass Guitar

There are seven letters used in naming the notes on the bass guitar, they are  
**A-BC-D-EF-G**

\* These are the only letters used to name the notes on the bass guitar.

\* These letters just keep repeating themselves over and over.

Example: A-BC-D-EF-G-A-BC-D-EF-G-A-BC-D-EF-G and so on...



As you will notice when you look at the diagram above - that the B and C notes, and the E and F notes are always right next to each other, and all the other notes have a space between them. When 2 notes are right next to each other (no space between them) this is called a "half" step. When there is a space (one whole fret) between two notes, this is called a "whole" step.

For now we will only be concerned with the notes up to the 12<sup>th</sup> fret. Your assignment is to learn the notes of the top two strings, the E (4th) and A (3rd) strings first. You will be using them soon, so learn these two strings first and memorize them as quickly as you can.

Play each note starting from an open string, say each note aloud as you are playing it all the way down the fret board.

**Important: Memorize the top two strings first before moving on - come back to the other strings later.**