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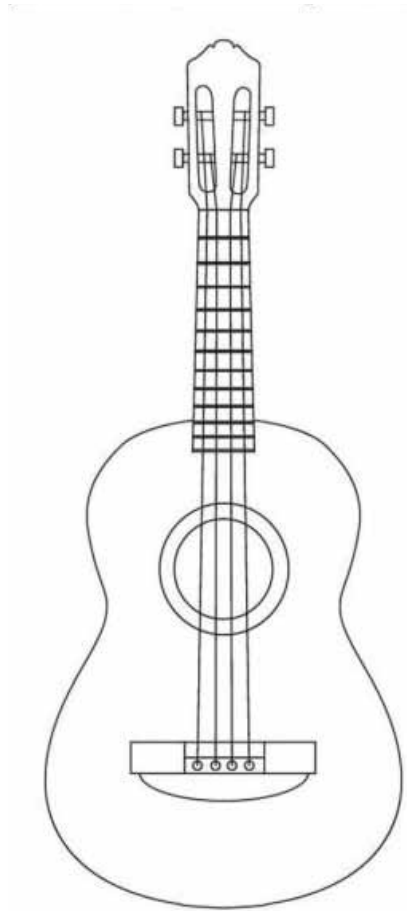
# LET'S SAY HELLO TO THE UKULELE!



## Parts of the Ukulele

Try and label the parts of the ukulele using the words below.

Why not colour it in too?



Body

Neck

Frets

Head

Bridge

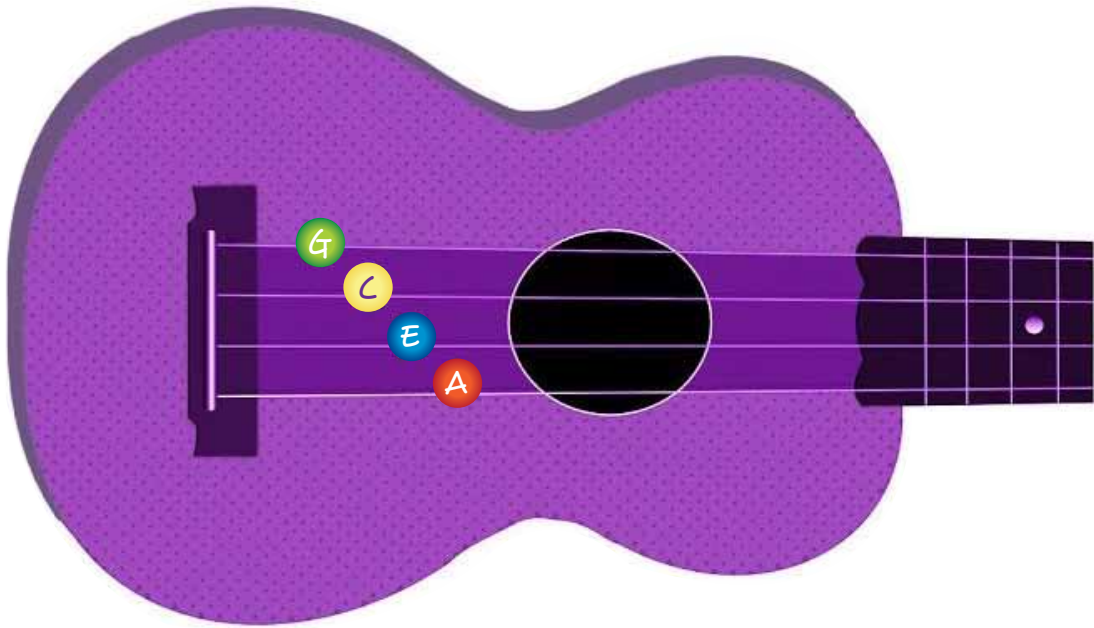
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# LETS START LEARNING!



## String Names On the Ukulele



**G** is the top string, closest to your nose.

**C** is the next string, fat and low.

**E** comes after, count '1, 2, 3' and

**A** is the bottom string, next to your knee.



















# NOW LETS ALL PLAY G C E A!



This simple song will help you remember the names of the strings on your ukulele!

Sing the words to the same notes that you play.

 Now	 let's	 all	 play
 G,	 C,	 E,	 A!
 Play	 this	 each	 day,
 G,	 C,	 E,	 A!



# FLICK THAT FLEA!




































This song teaches you about the strings of your ukulele and how to pluck them.

Imagine that a tiny flea has landed on your first string, the G string. Now gently flick your thumb across the G string to shoo the flea away!

Follow the flea down your ukulele as it jumps from one string to the next. You can sing the words below the notes.

Sing the same notes that you play.

Rest for one beat (or Sh!) when you see a crotchet rest 

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	Flick	that	flea			off	the	G		
										
	Flick	that	flea			off	the	C		
										
Flick	that	flea			off	the	E			
										
Get	a-	way			from	the	A!			



# THE BIG SHIP SAILS



In this song we are strumming, which means playing all the strings at once with a single brush of your thumb.

Strum down with your thumb  
when you see this arrow

To help you sing along, strum on the words in **bold**.

Don't forget the actions. Remember to use your strumming hand!

## Fun Actions To Try

On ' **ally-ally-o** ' move your hand like a wave.

On ' **never, ever do** ' wag your finger, side to side.

On ' **bottom of the sea** ' point to the floor.

On ' **last day of September** ', salute like a sailor!

## Note to parents:

If you're not sure of this tune,  
this popular nursery rhyme can be found on the  
internet on sites such as [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



# THE BIG SHIP SAILS



The **big ship sails** through the ally-ally-o  
The ally-ally-o, the ally-ally-o.

The **big ship sails** through the ally-ally-o  
On the last day of September.

The **captain says** that'll never, ever do  
Never, ever do, never, ever do.

The **captain says** that'll never, ever do  
On the last day of September.

The **big ship sank** to the bottom of the sea  
The bottom of the sea, the bottom of the sea;

The **big ship sank** to the bottom of the sea  
On the last day of September.



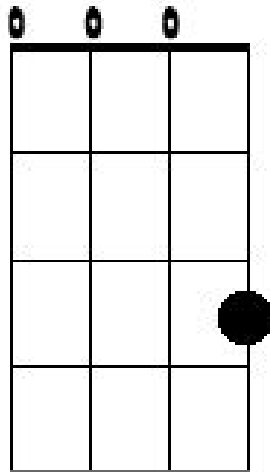
# C MAJOR CHORD POSITION



A chord is when we play **2 or more notes at the same time**, usually by **strumming** .

This is the chord of **C major**, which is played by holding down the **A string on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fret** then **strumming all the strings** at once.

When we do this, instead of playing the open strings **G C E** and **A** , we are playing **G C E** and another, higher, **C**.



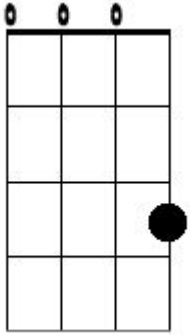
## Top Tips!

- **The high C on the A string should sound out clearly.** If the A string makes a 'thunk' noise, you need to press down a little harder.
- **Try not to strangle your ukulele!** Keep your wrist down and support the back of your ukulele with your thumb.





# THE BIG SHIP SAILS



Now we are going to play this song using the chord **C major**. The C major position looks like this.

Holding down the C major position, strum down with your thumb when you see this arrow

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **big ship sails** through the ally-ally-o,  
The ally-ally-o, the ally-ally-o.

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **big ship sails** through the ally-ally-o,  
On the last day of September.

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **captain says** that'll never, never do,  
Never, never do, never, never do.

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **captain says** that'll never, never do,  
On the last day of September.

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **big ship sank** to the bottom of the sea  
The bottom of the sea, the bottom of the sea;

↓ ↓ ↓  
The **big ship sank** to the bottom of the sea  
On the last day of September.



# A SAILOR WENT TO SEA!



Now you know the C chord, why not try and play this brilliant song!

## **Super Strings Club Challenge:**

Why not try and play and sing this song on your ukulele at the same time!

## *Here are the words:*

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea  
To see what he could see, see, see  
But all that he could see, see, see  
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea!

A sailor went to chop chop chop  
To see what he could chop chop chop  
But all that he could chop chop chop  
Was the bottom of the deep blue chop chop chop

A sailor went to knee, knee, knee  
To see what he could knee, knee, knee  
But all that he could knee, knee, knee  
Was the bottom of the deep blue knee, knee, knee

A sailor went to sea, chop, knee  
To see what he could sea, chop, knee  
But all that he could sea, chop, knee  
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, chop, knee



# A SAILOR WENT TO SEA



Now that you know the words, why not try and play the song. You can only play the C chord on the word "sea" or "see" - give it a go!

To make it easier, only play your chord when you see an ↓

↓ ↓ ↓  
A sailor went to sea, sea, sea

↓ ↓ ↓  
To see what he could see, see, see

↓ ↓ ↓  
But all that he could see, see, see

↓ ↓ ↓  
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea!

## Why Not Try Some Super Fun Actions?

In the last verse, why not try:

- playing the C chord on the word "sea"
- Tapping the top of your ukulele on the word "chop"
- Tapping your knee on the word "knee"



# OPEN STRINGS ON THE UKULELE

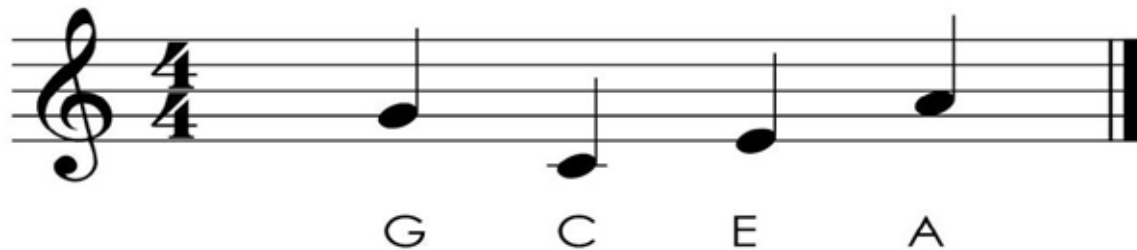


Now it's time to learn to read musical notes!

**Say hello to the staff** - six lines that music notes live on.

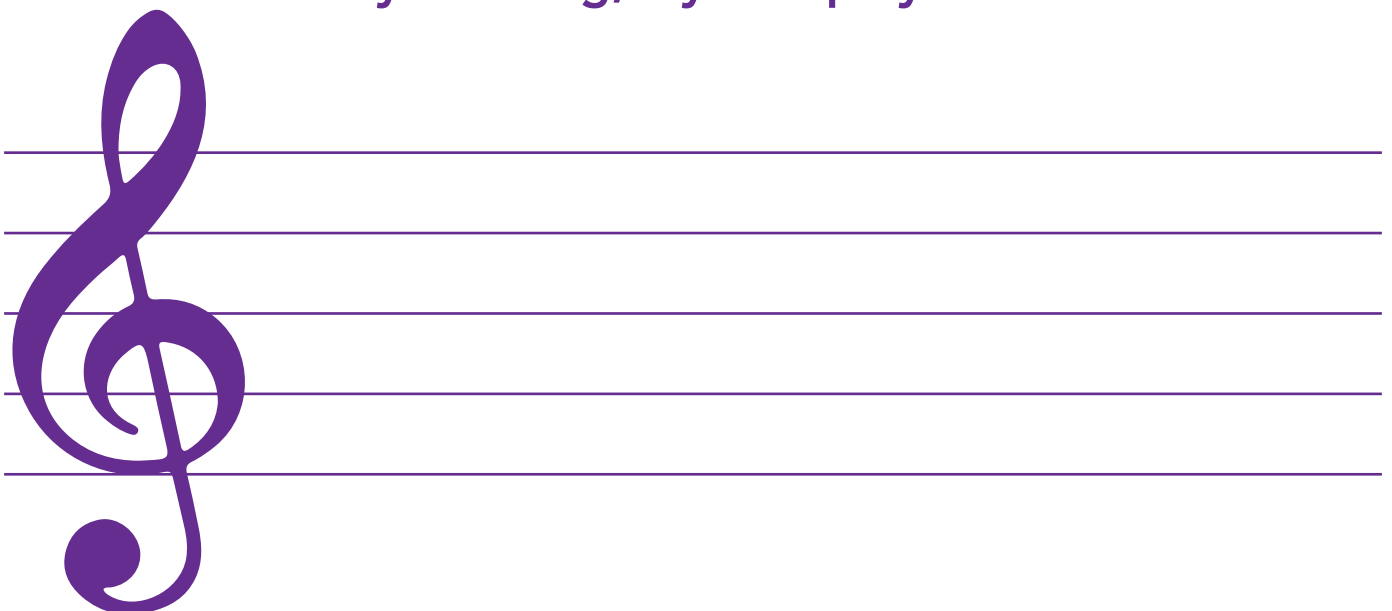
Where do the notes live on the **staff**?

Do they sit on top of the staff or do they go through the line?



*Why not write your own song?*

Why not compose your very first 5-note song using the notes G, C, E, A? Once you have composed your song, try and play it!





# NOW LETS ALL PLAY G C E A!



Now let's play this song from full musical notation!

To help you, you have the notes written as letters too.

You can sing the words to the same notes that you play.

1

g c e a  
Now let's all play

2

g c e a  
'G, C, E, A!

3

g c e a  
Play this each day,

4

g c e a  
'G, C, E, A!



# FLICK THAT FLEA!



Now we are going to play 'Flick That Flea' from full musical notation!

The song is exactly the same as before, except now we can read the notes on the staff.

The words of the song should help you to remember which string you need to play. But if you get stuck, check your "Open String" sheet on page 8.

