

1. Tuning the guitar

There are loads of different tunings for the guitar, but we'll use what's called "Standard Tuning" for the vast majority of the songs that we're going to learn. If you find it difficult to tune by ear with reference notes, there are loads of useful apps available on [Android](#), [Windows](#) and [iOS](#).

For standard tuning, we tune to the notes:

e ← Highest pitched string
B
G
D
A
E ← Lowest pitched string



Bear in mind – these are written out highest pitch to lowest. When you sit down with your guitar, the highest pitched string will be closest to the ground!

Tuning tips:

- *Don't turn the tuning pegs too fast. You'll end up missing the note you were going for. At worst, you'll snap a string.*
- *Pluck the string and let it sound as you tighten or loosen the string.*
- *Try and use your ears as well as the tuner – it's good listening practise!*
- *If you're having trouble with getting your guitar to sound just right, either check out the videos in our team or [get in touch](#) directly.*