

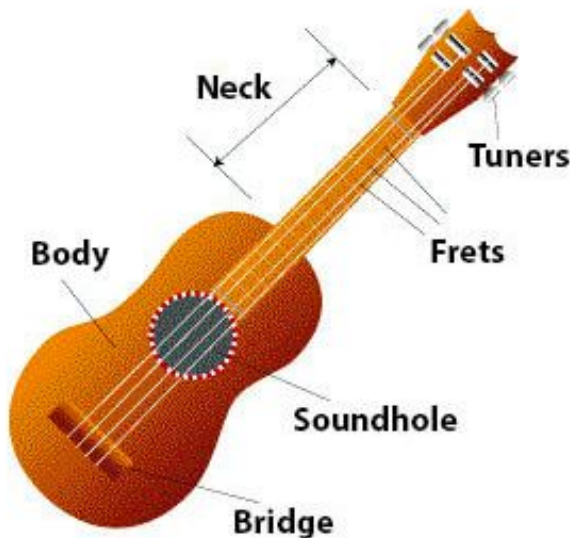
Whole class instrument learning - ukulele

Key chords, tab and strumming symbols

**Strumming Symbols**

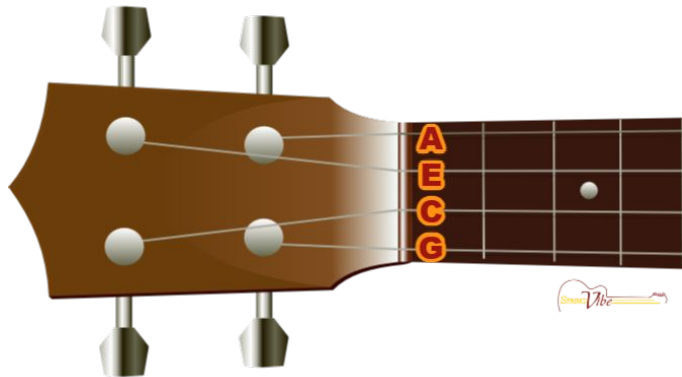
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The ukulele originated in Portugal but was introduced to Hawaiian islands in 1879 and it became known as a Hawaiian instrument.



Key Skills

- Hold the ukulele correctly.
- Pluck the strings using fingers and thumb.
- Read basic tablature - numbers on the frets.
- Read chords and know where to place fingers.
- Know the names of the strings.
- Read basic strumming patterns.



Popular songs to listen to with ukulele

- Somewhere over the rainbow - Israel 'IZ' Kamakawiwo'ole
- Hey Soul Sister - Train
- Can't help falling in love with you - Twenty one pilots (Elvis cover)
- Here comes the Sun - The Beatles

Key Vocabulary

<b>ukulele</b>	A small four stringed instrument similar to a guitar.
<b>neck</b>	The long thin part of the ukulele.
<b>tuning pegs</b>	Twisting these will make the string tighter or slacker and tune them correctly.
<b>body</b>	The largest part of the ukulele with a hole.
<b>sound hole</b>	The hole where the sound echoes and makes the sound longer.
<b>fret</b>	The lines on the neck.
<b>bridge</b>	The strings run from the bridge to the tuning pegs.
<b>chord</b>	A chord can be strummed using all four strings and changing the positions of the fingers on the frets.
<b>plectrum</b>	A small piece of plastic to strum the ukulele.
<b>tab</b>	A way to write ukulele and guitar music.
<b>major</b>	A kind of chord: C major, F major - Cm Fm.
<b>minor</b>	A kind of chord which can sound sadder than a major chord: A minor - Am.

