

## **Lesson Lab: Classroom Guitar 101**

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### **Online resources:**

<http://www.songkeyfinder.com/songs-in-key/g-major>

<https://www.ultimate-guitar.com/>

<http://jamzone.littlekidsrock.org/>

### **Helpful tips:**

1. Buy a million guitar picks. Students will drop picks into the guitar just to annoy you! In my room, if a student drops a guitar pick, I simply give him or her a new one immediately. Also, some students may steal them. They are cheap and not worth the drama. Just buy a lot.
2. Try to find a time for students to come in and practice on their own. These will be your leaders eventually. Giving up part of your lunch or some time after school is worth it because these kids will make you look really good during performance.
3. Tuning the guitars is the most annoying part of classroom guitar instruction. Advanced students can tune them with the assistance of a tuner and I have learned how to tune very quickly. I do not tune every day. Monday is most important (due to temperature changes over the weekend) and I try to tune them on Wednesday and sometimes Friday. Students are not allowed to touch the pegs in class!
4. If you do not play guitar well, lead from your own musicianship. Play piano chords (or another instrument) to accompany students who are learning guitar chords. When you play guitar with them, let them know you are learning, too.
5. Play the song students are learning (from YouTube or from your own song library) so that they can play along to the original. Crank it up - it drowns out mistakes and they'll feel like rock stars!

### **A few good starter songs:**

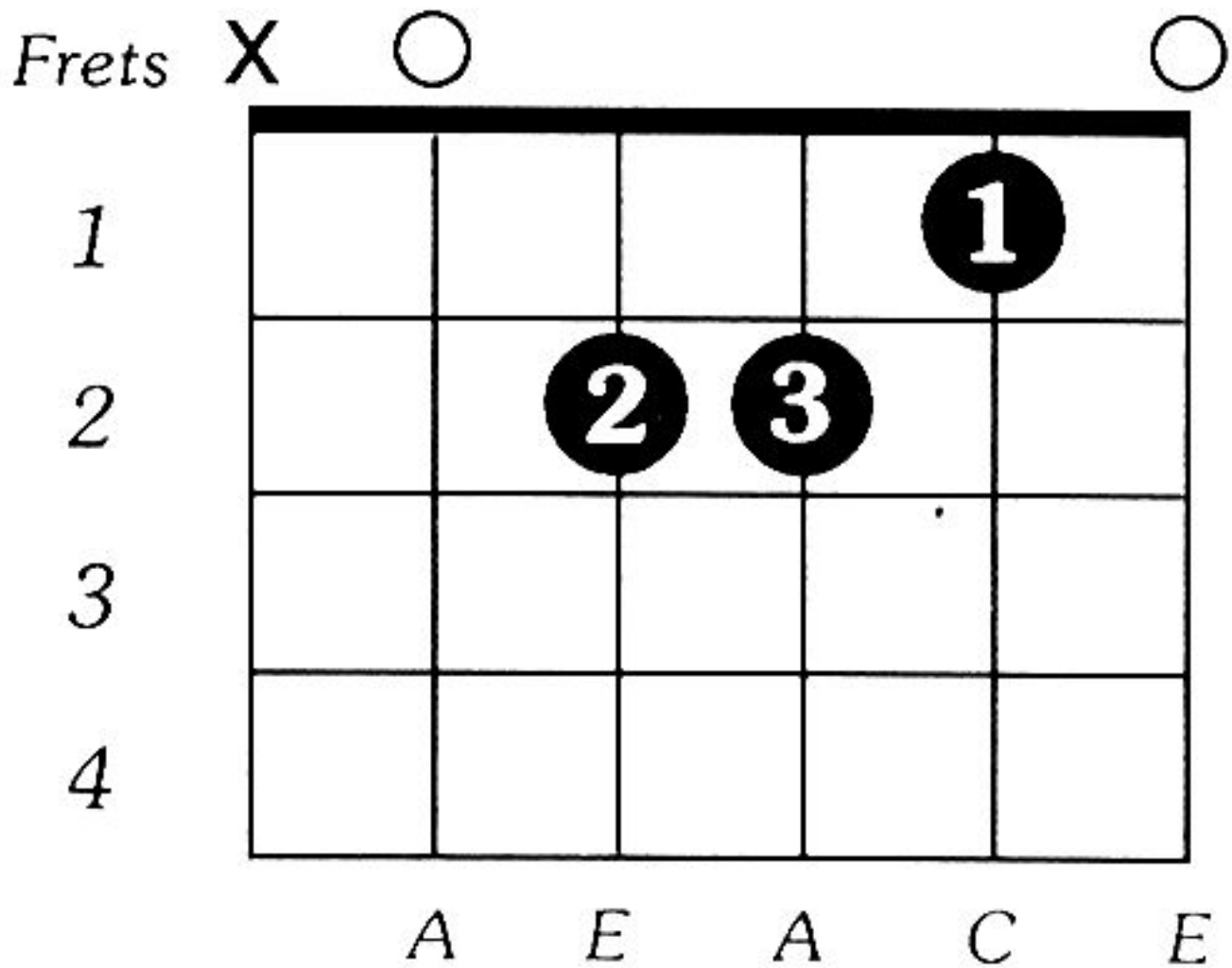
I Gotta Feeling - Black Eyed Peas

Zombie - Cranberries

Good Riddance - Green Day

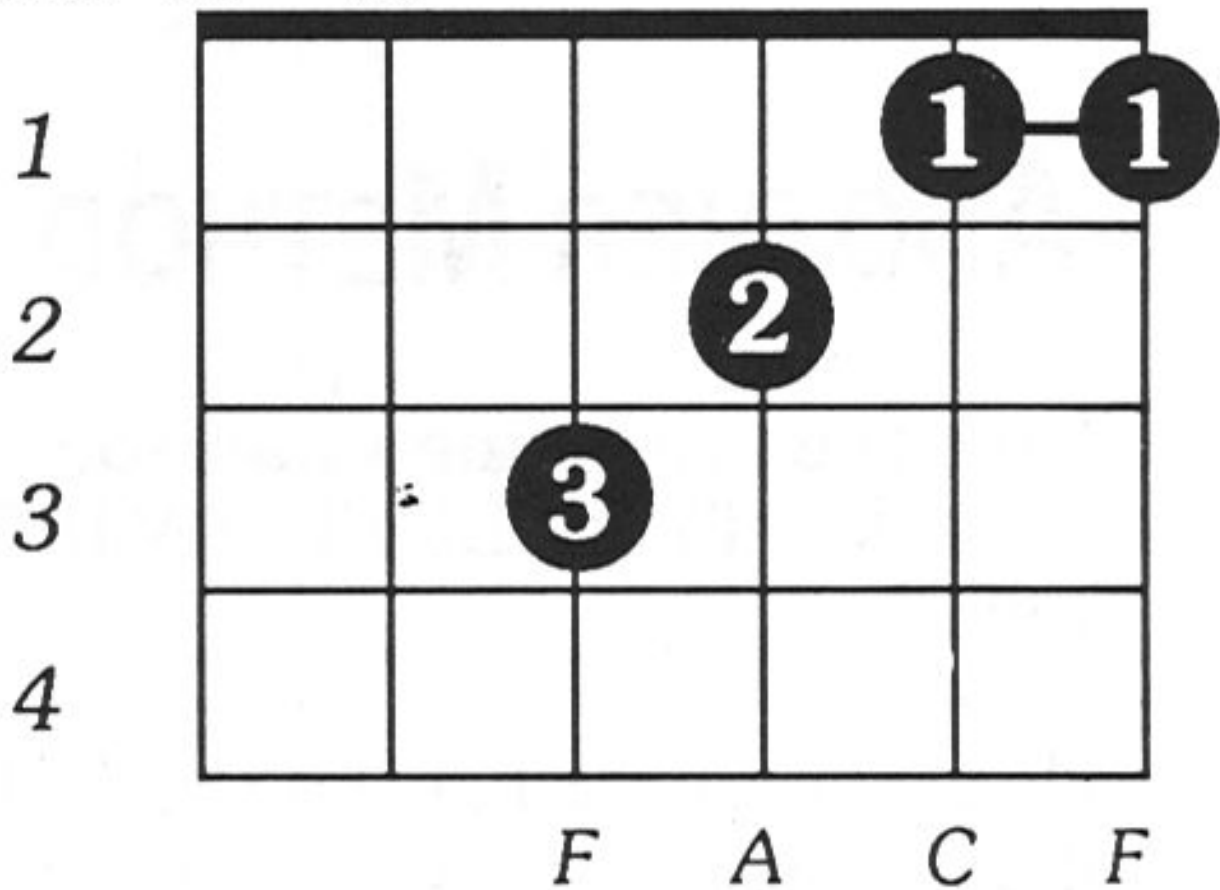
Shake It Off - Taylor Swift

# Am

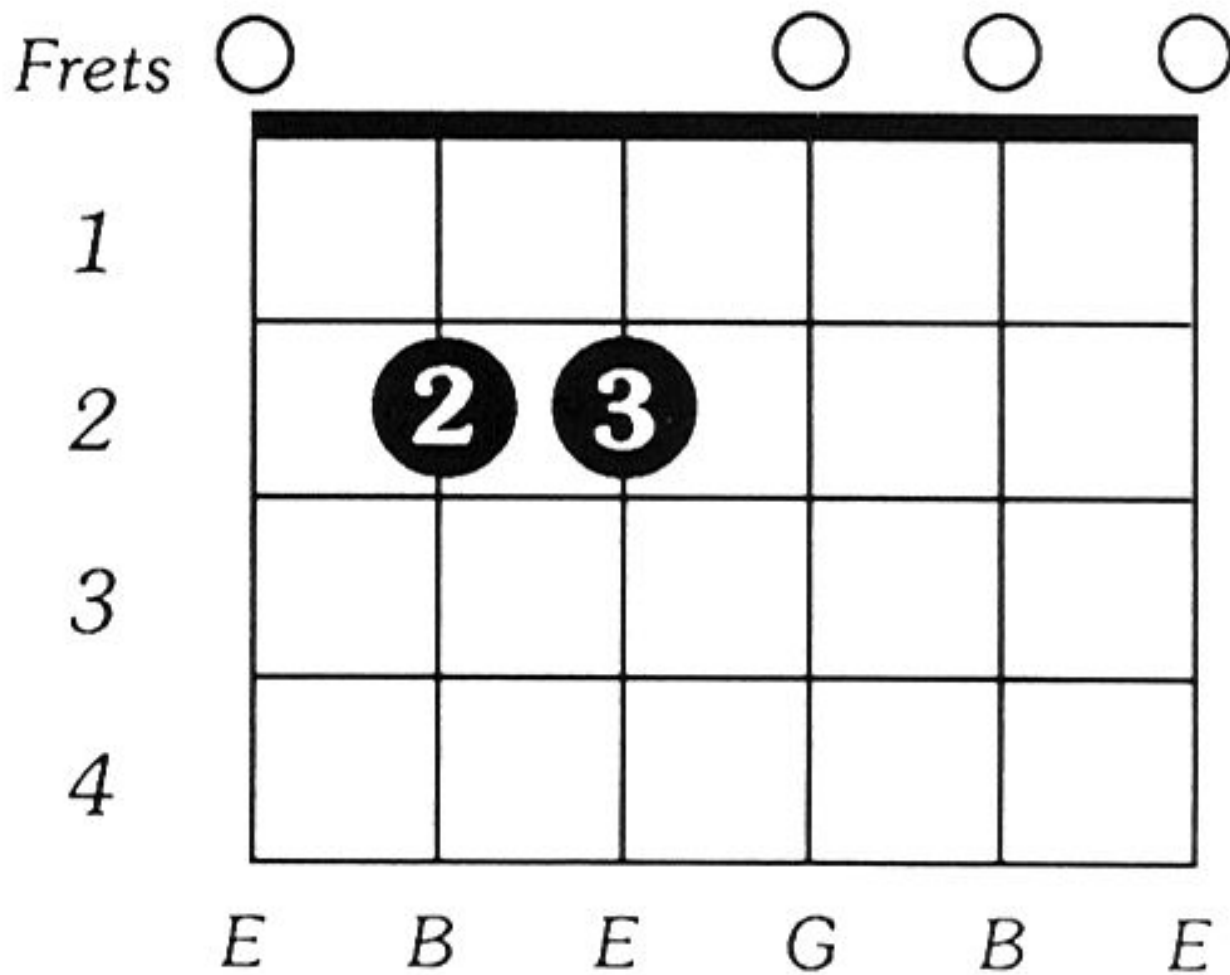


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Frets X X



# Em



# C

Frets X



1



2



3



4

C

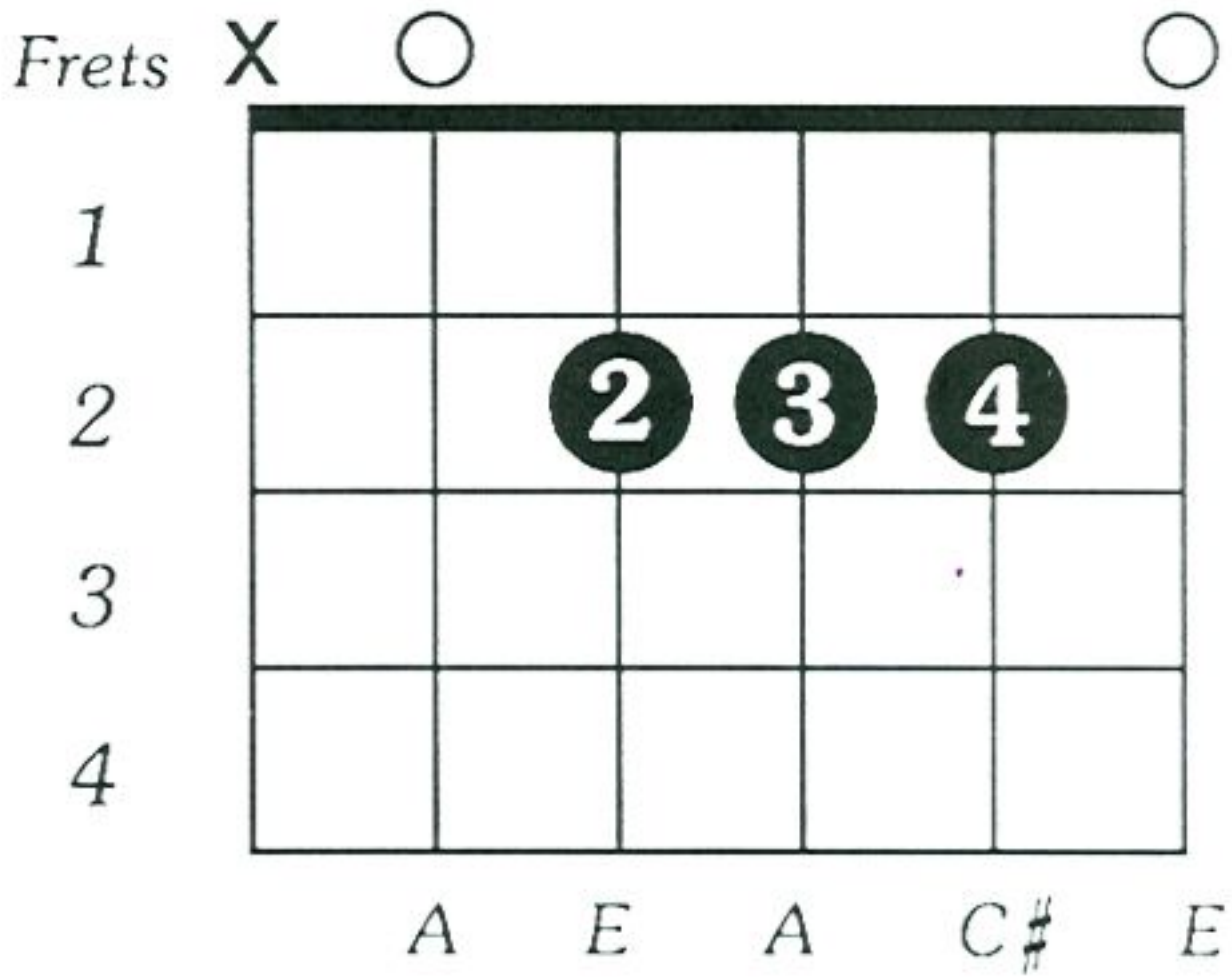
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G

C

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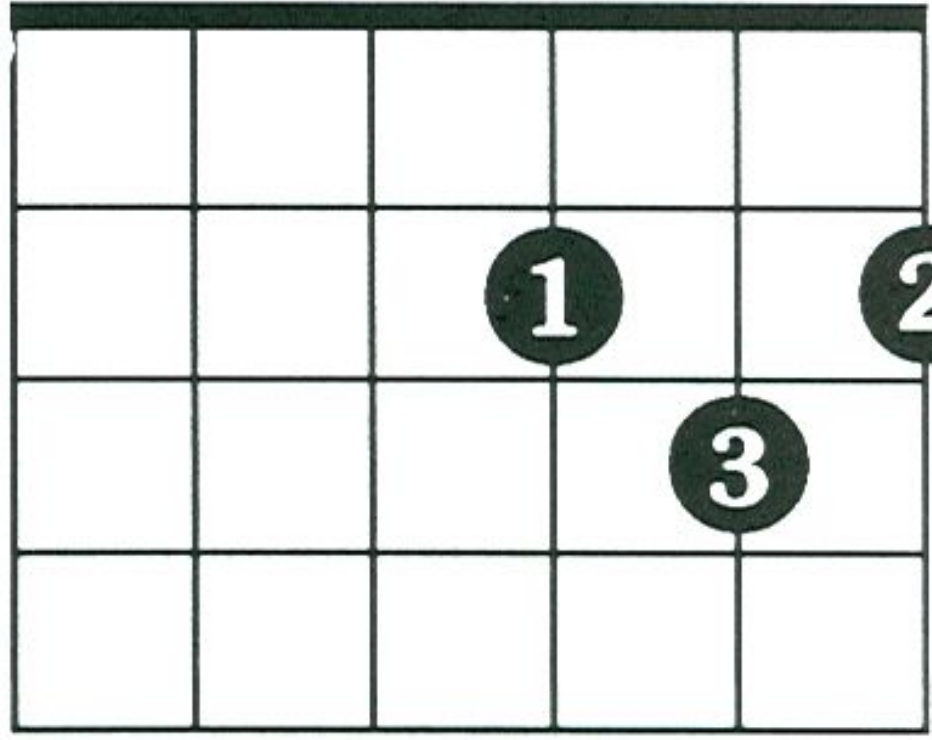


# D

Frets

X X O

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D A D F#

# Dm

Frets

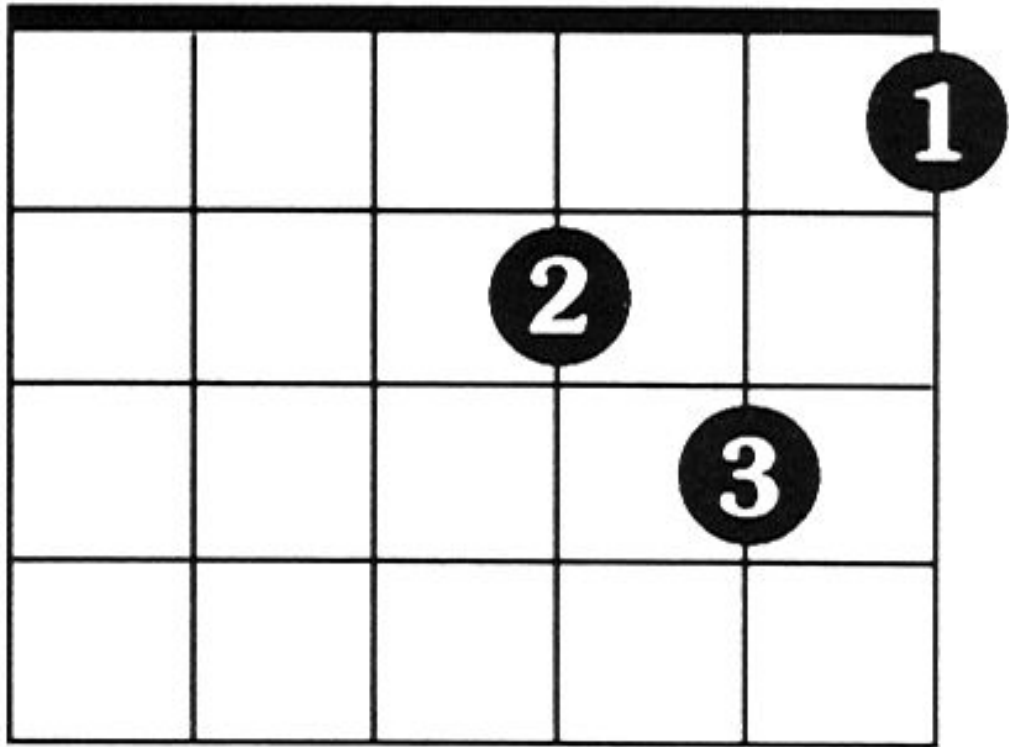
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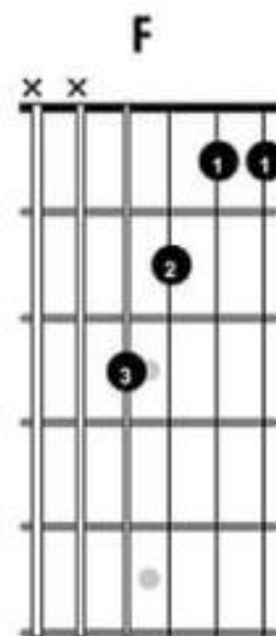
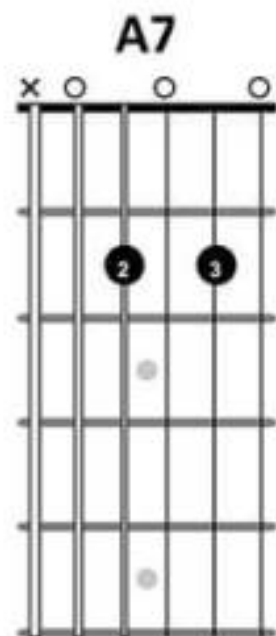
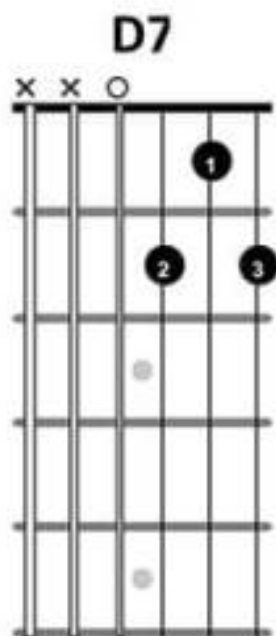
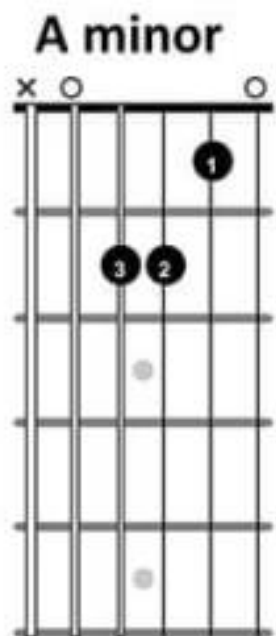
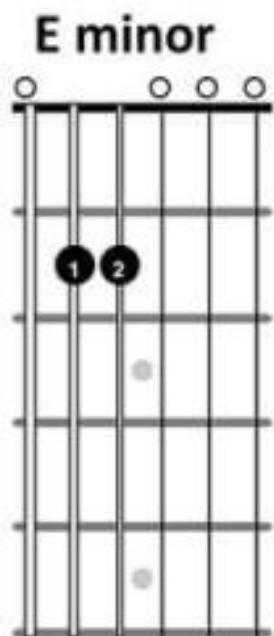
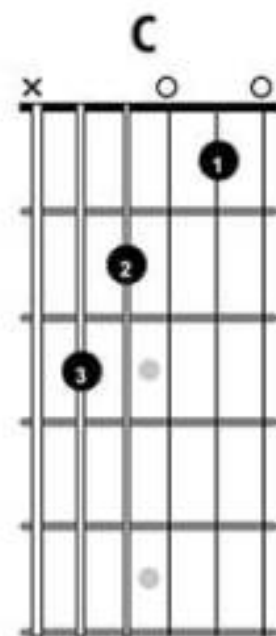
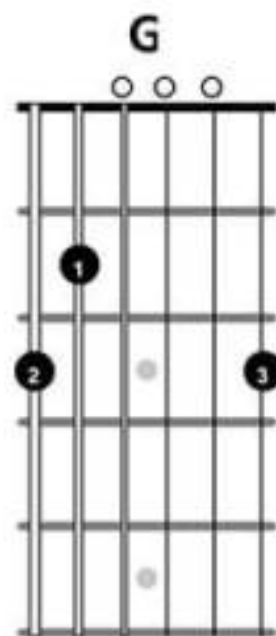
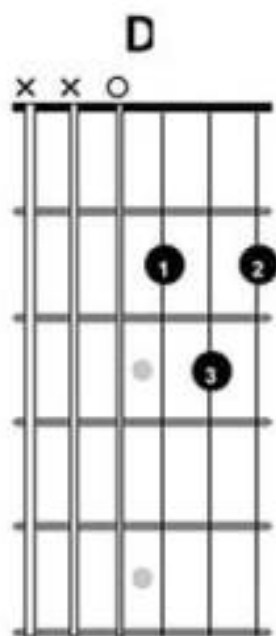
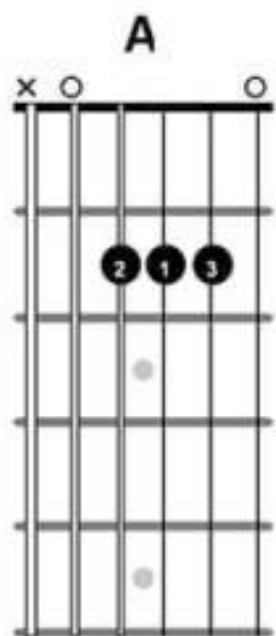
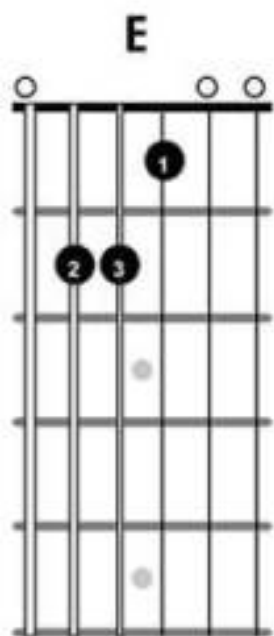
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D A D F





# Bass Guitar

