

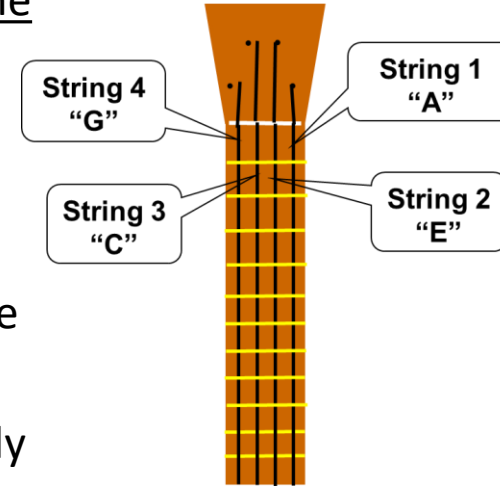
Tuning Your Ukulele

It is important that you make sure your Ukulele is in tune before you begin playing.

There are a variety of ways to tune a Ukulele and the most common are listed on the following two slides.

You may find the tuning procedures sound complicated but once you try to tune the “Uke” for the first time, the procedure will become easy.

You may tune to a piano, or use a clip-on tuner or simply download an application to a Smartphone.



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Using The Clip-on Tuner

Using a Clip-On tuner (*we suggest the Snark SN-8 or ST-8*), that can be purchased at any music store or online

1. Turn the Tuner on and clip it to your Ukulele's headstock (where the pegs are located)
2. The Ukulele mode (large button on the side) is generally designated with a "U". Some tuners have the to change to the "A" pitch setting (small button on the side) BUT for the Ukulele, it must remain at 440 (440 Hertz or cycles per second) so DO NOT attempt to change it.
3. Starting with the "G" string – the string closest to the ceiling or the 4th string, play the string. The Tuner will display the pitch of the note you are playing.
4. If the indicator is to the left of center or below, the string is flat and needs to come up higher. If it is to the right of center or above, the note is sharp and needs to come down lower.
5. By adjusting the peg for that string, turn the peg (tightening or loosening) until the indicator is aligned in the center. When the indicator is centered, the string is tuned.
6. Follow these steps for each string: G (top string), then C, then E, then A (bottom string)
7. Turn off the tuner.

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Using a Tuner App

Using a tuner that can be downloaded to an iPhone or an Android phone from a variety of sites.

Kala has one that is easy to use.

- It has a **Beginner mode** that shows where the tuning peg is for each string.
 - Tap the peg for each string. Tuning is accomplished by slowly turning the indicated peg while strumming the string until the bar turns green.
 - It will also tell you if the string tension is too high (tight) or too low (loose). If it is too tight, the bar will be on top and if it is too loose, the bar will be on the bottom.
- The **Chromatic mode** displays a needle that shows if the pitch is too high (too tight) or too low (too loose).
 - If the string is too tight, the needle will be on the right side and if the string is too loose, the needle will be on the left side.

Other methods

Use a piano to tune each string by ear

G (top string), then C, then E, then A (bottom string)

If you are having trouble

Please call Ernie MacIntyre – 925 813-0996 and we'll tune it over the phone