



THE
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UKULELE**

ACADEMY

How To Tune Your Ukulele



You want to know how to tune your ukulele. That's GREAT!

Did you know that this is often cited by people as the No.1 barrier to getting started on the ukulele? Why? Because unless your ukulele is in tune, you simply can't play it. And for a lot of people, tuning an instrument seems like a big ask!

Have you ever had one of these thoughts?

"I am not musical."

"Tuning an instrument looks complicated."

"I learnt the piano (or whatever), but I can't help with a stringed instrument."

"I'm worried about breaking it!"

If you have, then you're not alone, and this guide is written specifically for you!

Let's get started...

The strings of the ukulele have names - they are **G**, **C**, **E**, & **A**



This is the order of the strings, and the picture shows where they are (cut ,) when you are holding the ukulele with its head pointing to your left.

G - this is the string nearest your nose

C - this is the second string down from your nose

E - this is the second string up from your toes

A - this is the string nearest your toes

Now you know what they're called, you just have to make them sound right. **This is called 'tuning'.**

Electronic Tuning

Electronic tuning is by far the easiest way to tune your ukulele and also the most accurate. Electronic tuners work by sensing the vibrations of the note you are playing and telling you what it's called. If it's not the note you want, you can change it by tightening or loosening the string by turning the tuning pegs. There are two types of electronic tuner: a clip-on tuner or an app you download to your phone. Clip-on ones are great and very simple, but downloading an app is soooooo easy!!

Smartphone app:

I always recommend the Fender App, although most of the other apps available will do the job just as well. Download the app and watch the video links below.

Clip-on tuner:

You can find these online (Amazon, Octopus) or at any local music shop for less than £10 (the Octopus one is only £6). They are also super accurate and easy to use. Just clip your electronic tuner to your headstock.

Clip the tuner anywhere here

**'Tuning pegs' or
'machine heads'**



The easiest way to learn how to tune a uke is to watch someone else doing it, so here are the links to two videos of me showing you how it's done.

The first video shows you what you need to do with a ukulele when it first comes out of the box and how to tune by listening to a note from the tuner and making the string sound the same.

[New Uke Unboxing Instructions](#)

The second one shows you how to set up your Fender tuning app and use that to tune your uke.

[Tuning a Uke with a Mobile Phone](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with us at hello@theawesomeukuleleacademy.com