Naming the Strings

The most common way to refer to a string is its alphabet name.

- •The 1st string is the highest string on the guitar (it's the thinnest string). It's an E note and we call it the "high E string".
- •The 2nd string is B.
- •The 3rd string is G.
- •The 4th string is D.
- •The 5th string is A
- •The 6th string is the thickest string on the guitar. It's another E note, so we call it the "low E string".

EADGBE Nut strings 1st fret 2nd fret 3rd fret

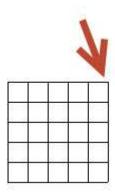


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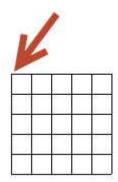
The strings are represented by vertical lines.

4th fret 5th fret

The vertical line farthest to the right is string #1. It's an E note when played open. It's called the high E string instead of just the 'E' string. That's because the lowest string on the guitar is also an E...



... and here it is. The low E string:



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