Primary Notes On The E String

In this lesson, we'll map out the primary notes on the two E strings of the guitar: E, F, G, A, B, C, D.



We've learned...

- That there are 12 different notes on the guitar that just repeat over and over
- That there are 7 primary notes and 5 secondary notes for a total of 12
- There are sharps (or flats) between every primary note, except between notes B and C, and the notes E and F

By doing the math you'll realize that a note will, in most cases, appear twice on each string. Once occurrence of the note will come with in frets 0-11 and again at the 12th fret and up.

Do This...

I suggest you pick up your guitar for this next part and follow the steps below and physically find each note along with us.

If we take the E string, for example, the first E happens on fret 0 (open string) and again at the 12th fret. If use what we've learned so far we should be able to find where the rest of the primary notes fall on the E string:

- There are no sharps between E and F, so we can deduce that the first fret of the E string is an F.
- We'll skip a note (to account for the sharp) and find our G note on the the 3rd fret
- Skip another fret/sharp and A will be on the 5th fret
- Skip another fret for the B on the 7th fret
- There are no sharps between B and C, so the C note would be the 8th fret
- Skip a fret to account for the the next sharp and you'll find D on the 10th
- Then it starts all over on the 12th fret