Lesson 6

Common Notation

Low E string

"Sixth string"



Sixth String **Open String**



Sixth String First Fret (First finger)



Sixth String Third Fret (Third Finger)

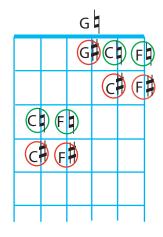
"Sharp" or "up one half step" on guitar means one fret higher

"Natural" means

play the note on its usual fret

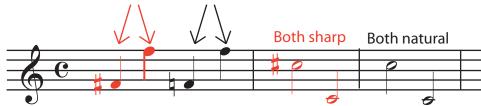
"Accidental"

is any sharp, flat, or natural sign that appears right in front of a note.



Accidentals affect all the notes with the same name that follow them in that measure. Crossing a bar line erases all accidentals.

> Both sharp Both natural



Guitar Notation

In common notation for guitar, numbers are used to suggest an unusual or useful left hand fingering.

Left hand symbols

- 1 First (index) finger
- 2 Second (middle) finger
- 3 Third (ring) finger
- Fourth (little) finger 4

Chord Diagrams

