Parts of the Acoustic Guitar

- Headstock
- Tuning Machines
- Nut
- Neck
- Sound Hole
- Body
- Strings
- Pickguard
- Bridge
- Frets
- Neck
- Pickguard
- Bridge
- Strings
- Sound Hole
- Body
- Neck
Parts of the Electric Guitar

- Tuning Pegs
- Headstock
- Nut
- Frets
- Neck
- Pickguard
- Pickup
- Strings
- Volume Knob
- Tone Knobs
- Output
- Body
- Bridge
Some of the Basics

String Numbers

Fret Numbers

Think of each box as a fret. Put your finger in the first box, and you're playing the first fret.

2. Finger Numbers

The thumb doesn't get a number because it sits on the back of the neck (The guitar's neck, not your neck!!)
Chord Diagrams

A chord diagram is just a drawing of what a chord looks like when you play it on your guitar. Look at the chord diagram and key below.

Here are tips for Reading Chord Diagrams:

1. The black dots with numbers in them are where you place your fingers. The numbers tell you which finger to use. Play strings that have black dots.
2. Any string that has an “O” above it is supposed to be played, even though there is no finger on it.
3. Any string that has an “X” above it is NOT supposed to be played.

Note
Lots of song books that you will find in music stores use chord diagrams like this one to the right. The drawing is simpler and there are either no finger numbers, or they are shown above. That’s because after awhile people begin to remember chords by their shapes. Once you are familiar with a chord’s shape, your fingers will find their places automatically!