Bass Root, Fifth, Octave: Fret Check

Four-string bass, standard tuning: strings 4 to 1 are E, A, D, G. The fifth is **two frets higher on the next higher string**. The octave is **two frets higher on the string above that**.

A · FIND THE FIFTH AND THE OCTAVE

Write the string and fret for each note.

1. **Root: string 4, fret 1**
   Fifth: string ___ fret ___
   Octave: string ___ fret ___

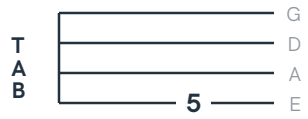
2. **Root: string 4, fret 8**
   Fifth: string ___ fret ___
   Octave: string ___ fret ___

3. **Root: string 3, fret 2**
   Fifth: string ___ fret ___
   Octave: string ___ fret ___

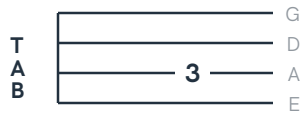
4. **Root: string 3, fret 10**
   Fifth: string ___ fret ___
   Octave: string ___ fret ___

B · NAME THE NOTE

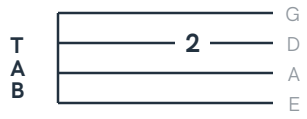
Each number is a fret on the string shown. Write the note name. Every answer is a natural note (no sharps or flats).

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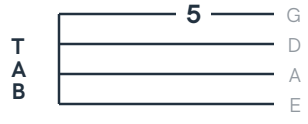
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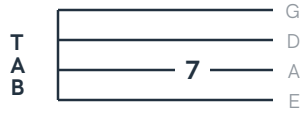
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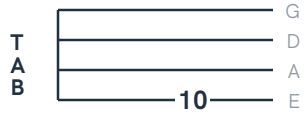
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4. 

Note: ___

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Note: ___

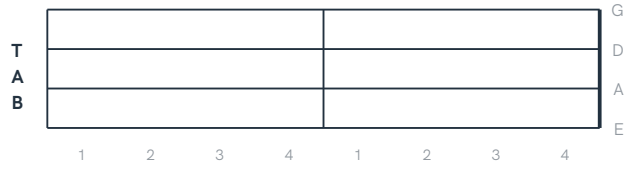
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Note: ___

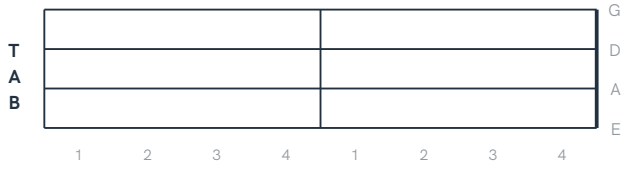
C · COMPLETE THE GROOVE

Each bar has four quarter notes: root, fifth, root, fifth. Write the fret number on the right string line for every beat. Start each bar on the root shown above it. In charts 3 and 4, find the root fret yourself.

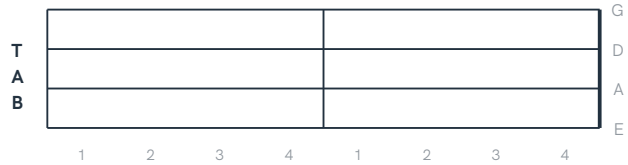
1. C root: string 3, fret 3 G root: string 4, fret 3



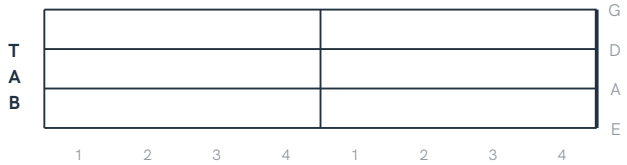
2. A root: string 4, fret 5 D root: string 3, fret 5



3. G root: string 4 C root: string 3



4. D root: string 3 A root: string 4



HINT

The fifth is on the next higher string, so the string number goes down by one (4 to 3, 3 to 2). Check your answers on a bass if you can.

ANSWERS — (a) 1. 5th s3 f3, 8ve s2 f3; 2. 5th s3 f10, 8ve s2 f10; 3. 5th s2 f4, 8ve s1 f4; 4. 5th s2 f12, 8ve s1 f12. (b) 1. A; 2. C; 3. E; 4. C; 5. E; 6. D. (c) 1. 3(s3) 5(s2) 3(s3) 5(s2) | 3(s4) 5(s3) 3(s4) 5(s3); 2. 5(s4) 7(s3) 5(s4) 7(s3) | 5(s3) 7(s2) 5(s3) 7(s2); 3. 3(s4) 5(s3) 3(s4) 5(s3) | 3(s3) 5(s2) 3(s3) 5(s2); 4. 5(s3) 7(s2) 5(s3) 7(s2) | 5(s4) 7(s3) 5(s4) 7(s3) (fret numbers, string in parentheses).

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