

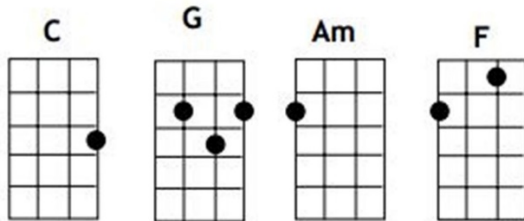
YinYanBand – Ukulele Starter Kit

Tuning

No matter how good you are, if your ukulele is out of tune you will sound terrible! Tune your ukulele whenever you pick it up – new strings stretch so you'll have to tune it more often at first! **The strings (from the top down) are G C E A (George Clooney Eats Apples)**

Chords – what you get when you press down on some strings with one hand & strum with the other!

Focus on these 4 commonly used chords. TIP- mark with coloured dots!



If you have coloured dots:

C (green dot),
G (orange dots),
Am (yellow dot)
F (blue dots)

Practice each chord on its own at first: Press your left fingertip(s) as shown & strum! Watch out for not pressing hard enough and/or accidentally touching another string).

Practice moving from chord to chord, SLOWLY at first! Then mix it up with different sequences – it will take time but with REGULAR FOCUSED PRACTICE (10 mins per day is perfect) soon your transitions from one chord to another will get quicker, smoother & easier!

Be patient don't expect miracles at first! Before you know it you get muscle memory and your finger-tips toughen up, making it much easier and more enjoyable!

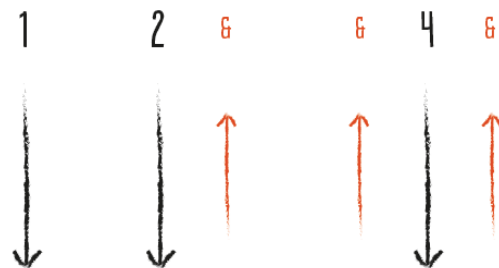
Strumming

At first just try DOWN STRUMS to a steady beat (maybe count 1234 mentally), then to add a bit more rhythm try strumming harder every other down strum...or add some UP STRUMS...maybe let your strumming hand start to do its own thing – if it sounds OK then you've nailed it!

When you're playing with other people you can simply move your strumming hand in time with other people and you can't go wrong!

Or try 'OLD FAITHFUL' as outlined below (the numbers below are using the beat "1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &") - whatever your strumming pattern it can take a while so be patient and start sloooooow!

Only strum the strings as shown with the arrows – you'll make loads of mistakes and it'll probably sound terrible at first! Start slow and be patient with yourself, your brain is trying to process lots of information and awesome new skills!



Be patient & keep practising 'Down Down Up Up Down Up...' (or whatever works for you and sounds good!) soon it'll start to happen more naturally and you can start putting it together with the chords!

Top 10 Tips – Getting Started with a Ukulele

1. Don't expect to sound very good at first - EVERYBODY sounds a bit rubbish at first...that's as it should be because you've never done it before!
2. With practice & patience you WILL GET BETTER FAST!
3. Don't give in to that little voice we all have saying you can't do it because you sound terrible...see 1 & 2 above!!!
4. You're learning a lot of individual new skills (tuning, strumming, chords, rhythm, singing etc.) that make up one bigger skill - playing the ukulele! Work on the skills individually before you try and do them all at the same time
5. Soon you'll be playing the ukulele! You'll get the satisfaction of having mastered a cool new skill, the fun of being in a band and ALL the brain power benefits of doing something fun & creative!
6. If you find yourself getting annoyed or hit a 'wall' – don't worry, just take a break, you'll be surprised how much easier everything will be next time
7. Find ways & times to practice regularly – make it work for you
8. Minimise distractions when you're practising – you'll improve more quickly and improve your ability to focus
9. PLAY SONGS YOU KNOW AND LIKE - explore different resources–YouTube tutorials, clubs & free songbooks online
10. Play with others and explore www.yinyan.co.uk/band for links to videos, song books, ukulele groups and meet ups – we're here to help!

You are my sunshine (Johnny Cash)

You are my [C] sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me [F] happy when skies are [C] grey
You'll never [F] know, dear, how much I [C] love you
Please don't take my [G] sunshine [C] away (STOP)

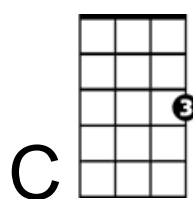
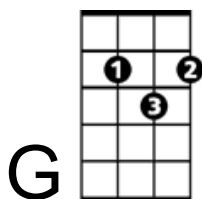
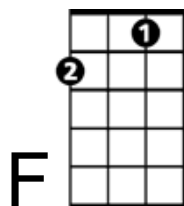
The other [C] night dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamed I [F] held you in my [C] arms.
When I [F] awoke dear, I was [C] mistaken
And I hung my [G] head and [C] cried (STOP)

I'll always [C] love you and make you happy
If you will [F] only say the [C] same
But if you [F] leave me to love [C] another,
You'll regret it [G] all one [C] day (STOP)

You are my [C] sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me [F] happy when skies are [C] grey.
You'll never [F] know, dear, how much I [C] love you.
Please don't take my [G] sunshine [C] away (STOP)

HUSH In all my [C] dreams dear, you seem to leave me
When I [F] awake my poor heart [C] pains
So when you [F] come back and make me [C] happy
I'll forgive you and [G] take all the [C] blame (STOP)

LOUD You are my [C] sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me [F] happy when skies are [C] grey
You'll never [F] know, dear, how much I [C] love you
Please don't take my [G] sunshine [C] away
Please don't take my [G] sunshine [C] away



Common People, Pulp

[C] She came from Greece, she had a thirst for knowledge
She studied sculpture at St. Martin's college,
That's where [G] I caught her eye

[C] She told me that her dad was loaded
I said, "in that case I'll have a rum and coca cola,"
She said [G] fine...And then in thirty seconds time, she said:

[F] I wanna live like common people,
I wanna do whatever common people [C] do
I wanna sleep with common people,
I wanna sleep with common people, like [G] you
Well what else could I do? I said "I'll see what I can [C] do."

[C] I took her to a supermarket
I don't know why, but I had to start it some [G] where, so it started there.
[C] I said, "pretend you've got no money."
She just laughed and said "oh, you're so funny"
I said [G] "Yeah, well I can't see anyone else smiling in here" ...Are you sure?

[F] You wanna live like common people.
You wanna see whatever common people [C] see?
[C] You wanna sleep with common people.
You wanna sleep with common people like [G] me?
But she didn't understand, she just smiled and held my [C] hand!

[C] Rent a flat above a shop, cut your hair and get a job
Smoke some [G] fags and play some pool, pretend you never went to school
But still you'll [C] never get it right, 'cos when you're laid in bed at night
Watching [G] roaches climb the wall, if you called your dad he could stop it all, yeah

[F] You'll never live like common people
You'll never do whatever common people [C] do
Never fail like common people,
You'll never watch your life slide out of [G] view
And then dance and drink and screw, because there's nothing else to [C] dooo!

[C] [C] [C] [C] [G] [G] [G] [G] [C] [C] [C] [C] (KAZOO/HUM OVER THE TOP)

[G-G-G] [G-G-G] [G-G-G] [G-G-G] [G] [G] [G] [G] [G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G]

[F] Sing along with the common people,
Sing along and it might just get you [C] through
Laugh along with the common people,
Laugh along even though they're laughing at [G] you
And the stupid things that you do, because you think that poor is [C] cool
[C] I wanna live with common people like you (x6 getting LOUDER each time)
Oh la la la oh la la la la Oh la la la oh la la la la of yeah!

Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)

[F] Now here you [G] go again, you say [F] you want your
free[G]dom [F] well, who am [G] I to keep you [F] down [G]
[F] It's only right [G] that you should [F] play the way you
[G] feel it, but [F] listen carefully [G] to the sound [F] of your
[G] loneliness, [F] like a heartbeat drives you [G] mad, in the
[F] stillness of [G] remembering what you [F] had
[G] and what you [F] lost, [G] and what you
[F] had [G] and what you [F] lost. [G]

Oh, [Am] thunder only [G] happens when it's [F] raining [G]
[Am] players only [G] love you when they're [F] playing. [G]
Say, [Am] women they will [G] come and they [F] will go, [G]
[Am] when the rain [G] washes you clean, you'll
[F] know, you'll know.[G] [F] [G] x3

[F] Now here I [G] go again, I see [F] the crystal visions, [G]
[F] I keep my [G] visions to my [F] self.[G]
[F] It's only me [G] who wants to wrap [F] around your dreams, [G] and
[F] have you any [G] dreams you'd like to sell, [F] dreams of
[G] loneliness, [F] like a heartbeat drives you [G] mad, in the
[F] stillness of [G] remembering what you [F] had
[G] and what you [F] lost, [G] and what you
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YMCA Village People

Intro (2 bars of each chord, Kazoo over the top):

[C] [Am] [F] [G]

[C] Young man, there's no need to feel down, I said

[Am] Young man, pick yourself off the ground, I said

[F] Young man, cause you're in a new town

There's no [G] /need /to /be /un/ha/ppy. / – single strum

[C] Young man, there's a place you can go, I said

[Am] Young man, when you're short on your dough, you can

[F] Stay there, and I'm sure you will find

Many [G] ways to have a good time. **(STOP) -5 beats before chorus**

CHORUS:

It's fun to stay at the [C] YMCA. It's fun to stay at the [Am] YMCA,

They have [F] everything for you men to enjoy,

You can [G] hang out with all the boys.

It's fun to stay at the [C] YMCA. It's fun to stay at the [Am] YMCA,

You can [F] get yourself cleaned, you can have a good meal

You can [G] do whatever you feel

[C] Young man, are you listening to me, I said

[Am] Young man, what to you want to be, I said

[F] Young man, you can make real your dreams, But you've

[G] /got /to /know /this /one /thing...

[C] No man does it all by himself, I said

[Am] Young man, put your pride on the shelf and just

[F] Go there, to the YMCA

I'm sure [G] they can help you today **(STOP) -5 beats before chorus**

CHORUS

[C] Young man, I was once in your shoes, I said

[Am] I was down and out with the blues, I felt

[F] No man cared if I were alive

I felt [G] /the /whole /world /was /so /tight

[C] That's when someone came up to me and said,

[Am] Young man, take a walk up the street, there's a

[F] Place there called the YMCA

They can [G] start you back on your way **(STOP) -5 beats before chorus**

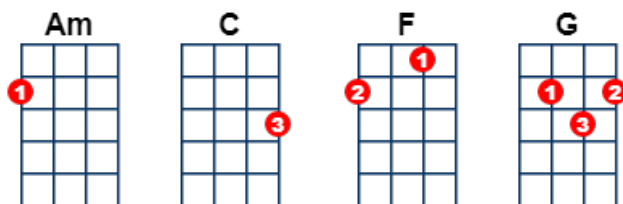
CHORUS then:

It's fun to stay at the [C] YMCA.

It's fun to stay at the [Am] YMCA,

They have [F] everything for you men to enjoy

(slowing down) You can [G] hang out with all the boys [C]



What's Up? – 4 Non Blondes

[intro] (G) (Am) (C) (G)

(G) 25 years of my life and still
(Am) Trying to get up that great big hill of
(C) Hope
For a desti**(G)**nation
I **(G)**realised quickly when I knew I should
That the **(Am)**world was made for this brotherhood
Of **(C)**man
For whatever that **(G)**means

[chorus]

And so I **(G)**cry sometimes when I'm lying in bed
Just to **(Am)**get it all out, what's in my head
And I, **(C)** I'm feeling
A little pe**(G)**culiar
And so I **(G)**wake in the morning and I step outside
And I **(Am)**take deep breath and I get real high
And I **(C)** scream to the top of my lungs
What's goin' **(G)**on?

And I say **(G)**hey-yeah-yeah-yeah
(Am)Hey yea yea
I say **(C)**hey
What's goin'**(G)** on?
And I say **(G)**hey-yeah-yea-eah,
(Am)Hey yea yea
I say **(C)**hey
What's goin' **(G)**on?

(G)Oooh, oo!.. oo oo-**(Am)** Oo-hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo
(C)Oooh! ...ooo-hoo-hoo-ah-**(G)**ha

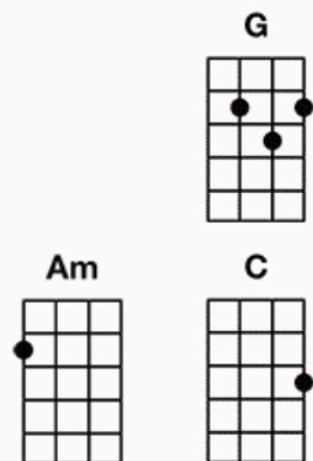
And I **(G)**try
Oh my God do I **(Am)**try
I try all the **(C)**time
In this insti**(G)**tution
And I **(G)**pray,
Oh my God do I **(Am)**pray
I pray every single **(C)**day
For revo**(G)**lution

[chorus]

[single strums]

(G) 25 years of my life and still
(Am) Trying to get up that great big hill of
(C) Hope.... for a desti**(G)**nation

Written by Linda Perry



Blowin' in the Wind – Bob Dylan

[intro] (C)

(C)How many (F)roads must a (C)man walk (Am)down
Be(C)fore you (F)call him a (G)man?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)seas must a (C)white dove (Am)sail
Be(C)fore she (F)sleeps in the (G)sand?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)times must the (C)cannon balls (Am)fly
Be(C)fore they're (F)forever (G)banned?

The (F)answer my (G)friend is (C)blowing in the (Am)wind
The (F)answer is (G)blowing in the (C)wind

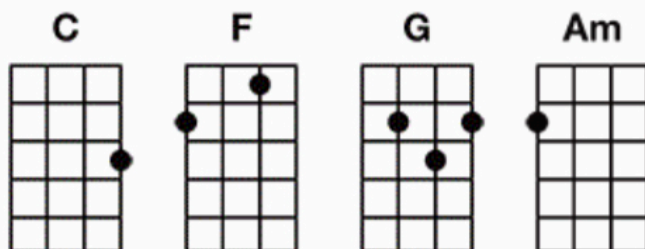
Yes'n (C)how many (F)years can a (C)mountain e(Am)xist
Be(C)fore it is (F)washed to the (G)sea?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)years can some (C)people e(Am)xist
Be(C)fore they're all(F)owed to be (G)free?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)times can a (C)man turn his (Am)head
Pre(C)tending he (F)just doesn't (G)see?

The (F)answer my (G)friend is (C)blowing in the (Am)wind
The (F)answer is (G)blowing in the (C)wind

(C)How many (F)times must a (C)man look (Am)up
Be(C)fore he (F)can see the (G)sky?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)ears must (C)one man (Am)have
Be(C)fore he can (F)hear people (G)cry?
Yes'n (C)how many (F)deaths will it (C)take till he (Am)knows
That (C)too many (F)people have (G)died?

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Three Little Birds – Bob Marley

[intro] (C)

Don't (C)worry... about a thing
Cos (F)every little thing... gonna be al(C)right
Singin' don't (C)worry... about a thing
Cos (F)every little thing... gonna be al(C)right

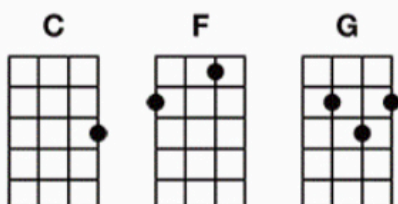
Rise up this (C)mornin'
Smile with the (G)rising sun
Three little (C)birds
Perch on my (F)doorstep
Singin' (C)sweet songs
Of melodies (G)pure and true... sayin'
(F) This is my message to (C)you-ou-ou

Singin' don't (C)worry... about a thing
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Octopus's Garden – The Beatles

(C)

(C) I'd like to be... (Am) under the sea
In an (F)octopus's garden in the (G)shade
(C) He'd let us in... (Am) knows where we've been
In his (F)octopus's garden in the (G)shade

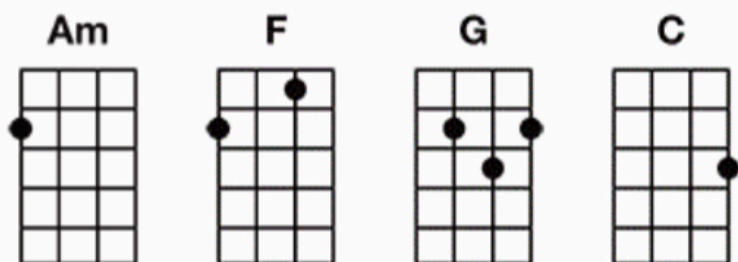
(Am) I'd ask my frie-e-ends to come and see-ee-ee
(F) An octopus's (G)garden with me
(C) I'd like to be... (Am) under the sea
In an (F)octopus's (G)garden in the (C)shade

(C) We would be warm... (Am) below the storm
In our (F)little hideaway beneath the (G)waves
(C) Resting our head... (Am) on the sea bed
In an (F)octopus's garden near a (G)cave

(Am) We would sing and dance arou-ou-ound
(F) Because we know... we (G)can't be found
(C) I'd like to be... (Am) under the sea
In an (F)octopus's (G)garden... in the (C)shade

(C) We would shout... (Am) and swim about
The (F)coral... that lies beneath the (G)waves
(C) Oh what joy... (Am) for every girl and boy
(F)Knowing... they're happy and they're (G)safe

(Am) We would be so happy, you and me-e-e
(F)No one there to tell us (G)what to do
(C) I'd like to be... (Am) under the sea
In an (F)octopus's (G)garden... with (C)you
In an (F)octopus's (G)garden... with (C)you
In an (F)octopus's (G)garden... with (C)you



Written by Richard Starkey

Riptide - Vance Joy

[Am] [G] [C] [C] x2

[Am] I was scared of [G] dentists and the [C] dark
[Am] I was scared of [G] pretty girls and [C] starting conversations
Oh [Am] all my [G] friends are turning [C] green
[Am] You're the magicians a [G]ssistant in their [C] dreams

CHORUS:

Ah [Am] ooh [G] ooh [C] ooh
Ah [Am] ah ooh [G] ooh and they [C] STOP come unstuck
[Am] Lady [G] running down to the [C] riptide
Taken away to the [Am] darkside
[G] I wanna be your [C] left hand man
I [Am] love you [G] when you're singing that [C] song and
I got a lump in my [Am] throat 'cause
[G] You're gonna sing the [C] words wrong

[Am] There's this movie [G] that I think you'll [C] like
This [Am] guy decides to [G] quit his job and [C] heads to New York City
This [Am] cowboy's [G] running from him [C]self
And [Am] she's been living [G] on the highest [C] shelf

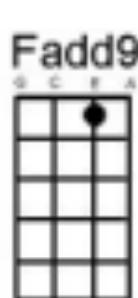
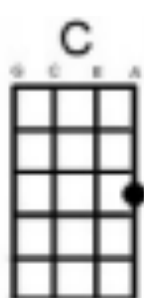
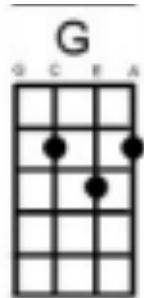
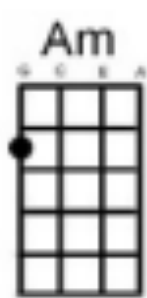
CHORUS

[Am] I just wanna I just wanna [G] know
[C] If you're gonna if you're gonna [Fadd9] stay
[Am] I just gotta I just gotta [G] know
[C] I can't have it I can't have it [Fadd9 /] STOP any other way

I [Am /] swear she's [G /] destined for the [C /] screen
[Am /] Closest thing to [G /] Michelle Pfeiffer [C /] that you've ever seen oh

CHORUS

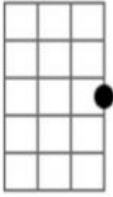
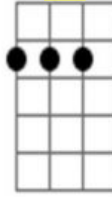
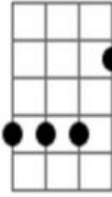
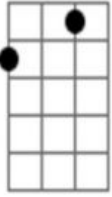
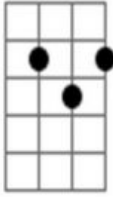
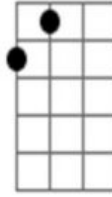
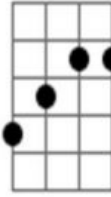
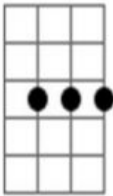
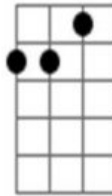
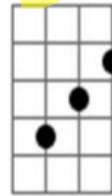
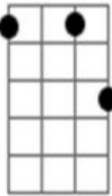
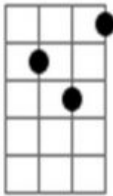
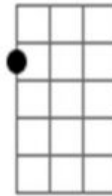
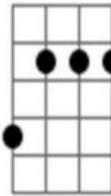
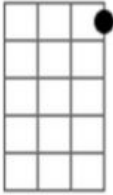
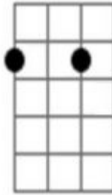
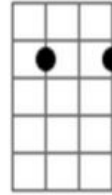
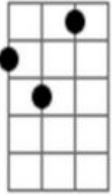
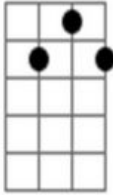

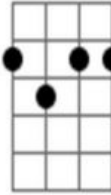
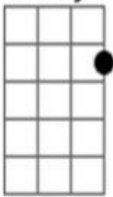
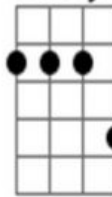
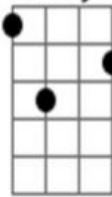
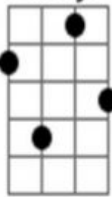
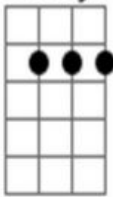

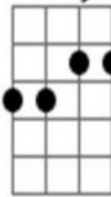
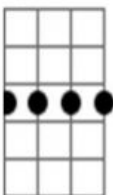
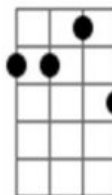
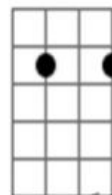
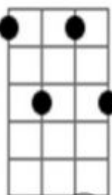
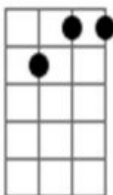
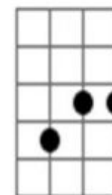
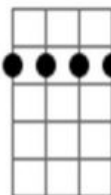
I got a lump in my [Am] throat 'cause
[G] You're gonna sing the [C /] words wrong



[C /] – single strum

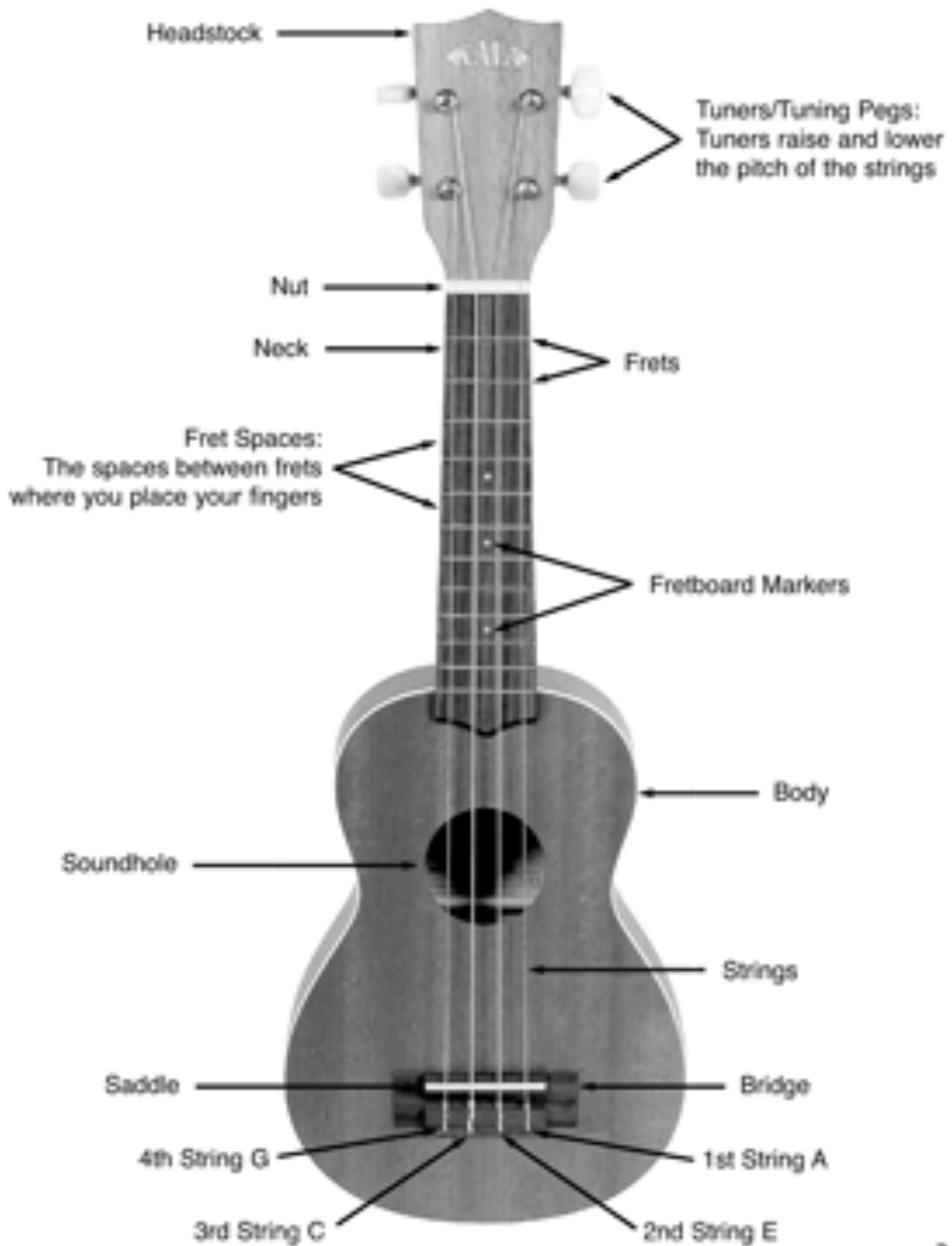
CHORDS - There are LOADS of chords. Some are below, with perhaps the most common/useful ones highlighted **yellow** –you see the same chords in song after song because they sound good! Check the website for LOADS more song books & resources!

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C	D	E	F	G	A	B
						
Cm	Dm	Em	Fm	Gm	Am	Bm
						
C7	D7	E7	F7	G7	A7	B7
						
Cmaj7	Dmaj7	Emaj7	Fmaj7	Gmaj7	Amaj7	Bmaj7
						
Cm7	Dm7	Em7	Fm7	Gm7	Am7	Bm7
						

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