

It's great if you can play the guitar, but by dint of playing with it, or when you buy your guitar, it may be out of tune. So it's necessary for you to tune your guitar, but you're stuck because you don't know how to tune it...

Don't panic, this course will explain how you can tune your guitar.

1. The A 440Hz : The reference

The A 440 Hz is a reference note used by all musicians and available on all tuners. This is also the note that is given by most tuning forks when they are struck and vibrate.

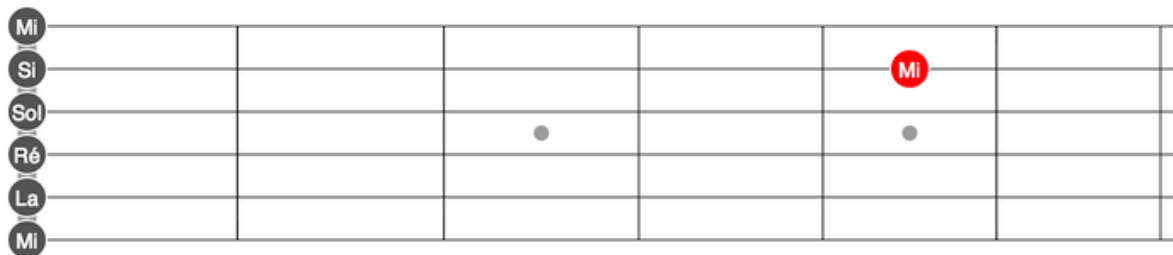
2. How to tune your guitar without a tuner

Principle: To tune your guitar, you have to play on the mechanics (the mechanics are the elements located at the top of the neck in which the strings are wound) and make sure, by ear, that the reference La corresponds to a La of your guitar.

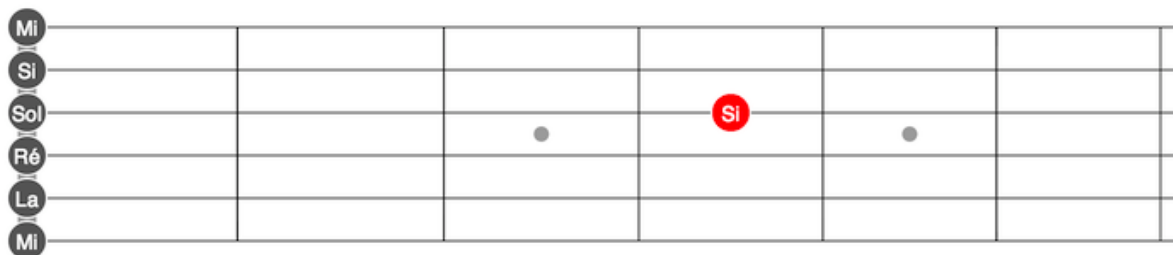
NB 1: Attention, once a note is granted, the whole string is granted, so we will be able to go to the next string!

NB 2: (ESPECIALLY DON'T FORGET THIS NOTA BENE) When you tune a string, above all, do not make more than 2 turns of keys. If you have to do it, the rope may not be properly installed, and in this case stop your tuning, let a professional do it for you.

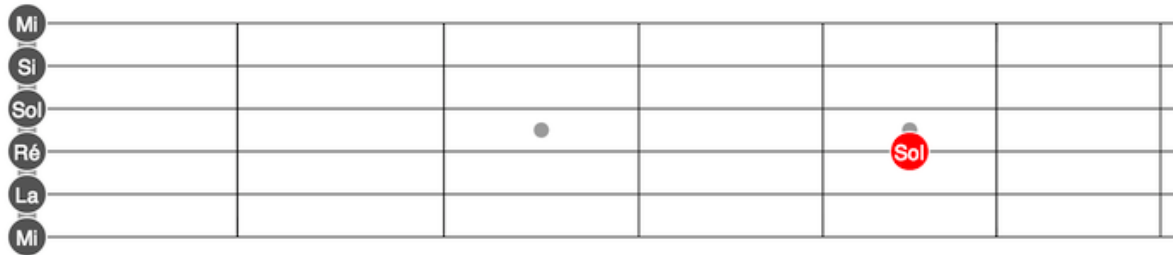
The method consists precisely in tuning the A of the small string of E with the reference A. Then, we play this E string empty, and try to bring it closer to the E of the 5th fret of the B string.



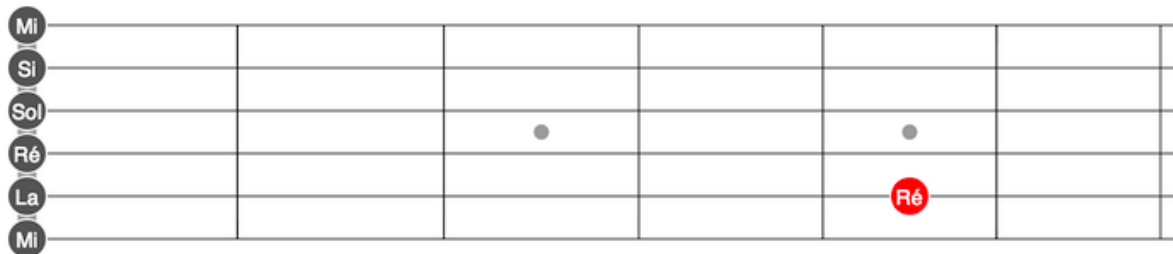
Once this new string is tuned, we play it empty and we compare it to the B of the 4th fret of the G string:



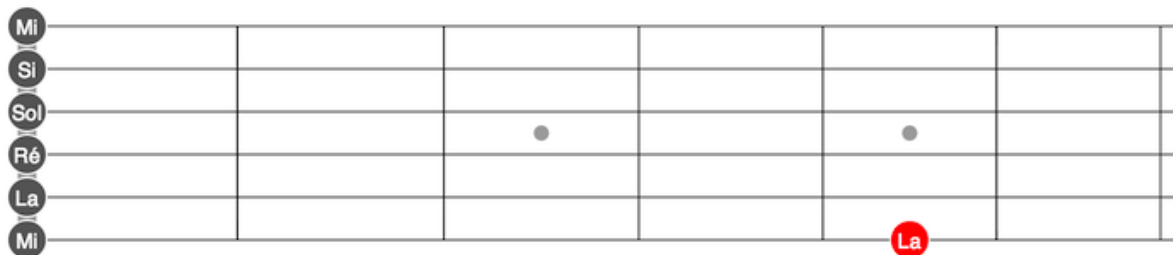
We start again by playing the G string empty and comparing it to the G of the 5th fret of the D string:



We then grant the D of the 5th fret of the A string with the D string empty:



Finally, we finish with the A of the 5th fret of the E string which must coincide with the empty A string.



3. How to tune your guitar with a tuner

To tune your guitar with a tuner, you can use the following site:

<https://www.accordersaguitare.com/>

On this site, you will find an online electronic tuner.

So the question you're going to ask me is, "You are very kind to give me a link, but how do I know if my string is tuned or not?" ...

Good question, but I'll explain, it's not difficult.

First, you play the note in front of the microphone of your computer or phone. Then the tuner will find the note, and you'll see a frequency appear at the bottom. Well, you have to slowly turn the key corresponding to the string you want to tune, until you reach the frequency given for the note.

If this is a physical electronic tuner in your hand, bring it close to your guitar's sound box, and try to make the arrow that appears appear as close to the vertical axis as possible.

4. How to tune any instrument with a tuner

To tune an instrument, it is better to have an electronic tuner, and the method is the same: try to make the arrow that appears appear as close as possible to the vertical axis.

Conclusion: THE TIPS TO REMEMBER

- No more than 2 turns of the key when tuning a string !!
- Without tuner: with a pick, play a 440 Hz and refer to it with the method I gave you.
- With tuner: refer to the dedicated method (vertical arrow as much as possible).