

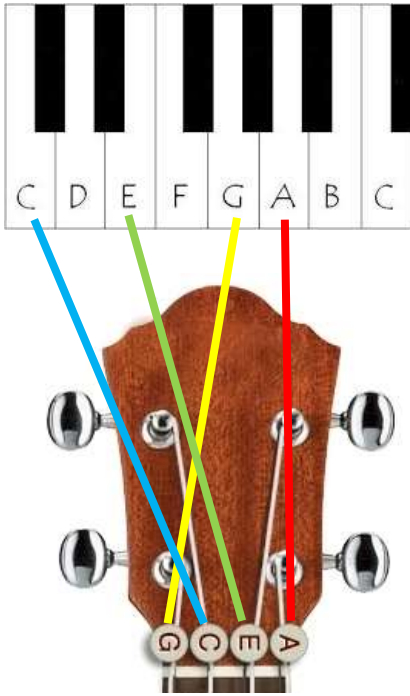


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Tuning a Ukulele or Banjulele

The standard tuning of a soprano, concert or tenor ukulele or banjulele is G – C – E – A as shown below in relation to a piano keyboard.



There are various tuning devices available. The most popular are tuners that clip on to the headstock (top) of the ukulele.

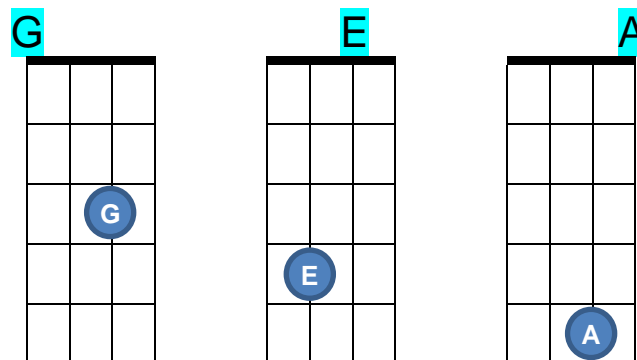
These usually have two settings:

- 1: Detects the note through the sound in the air
- 2: Detects the note by the vibration of the string through the instrument

The second setting is useful if the ukulele is being tuned with other instruments around it. This only picks up the notes of the ukulele being tuned and is not influenced by the other instruments.

Another quick way of checking the tuning is to play an open string and then play the corresponding note on the fretboard as a comparison.

Examples of playing an open string for G, E and A with their corresponding note are shown below. Place your finger where the blue circles are and play the corresponding open string to see if they sound the same.



These tips should help to keep your ukulele or banjulele in tune and ready to play.