

# How to Read Chord Boxes

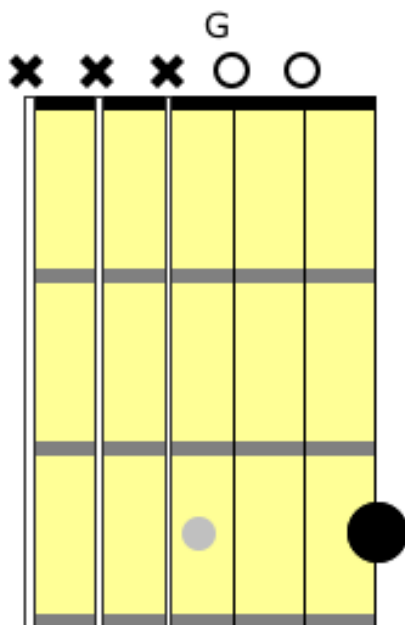
If you don't know already a chord is a series of notes played in unison.

For example if we take three separate notes **G,B,D** and played them at the same time these notes make up a **G** chord.

Bellow you can see a chord box; (fig 10) this is how all chords are notated.

1. Vertical lines represent the guitar strings.
2. Horizontal lines represent the frets.
3. Circles show notes that should be held down with the left hand.
4. X = do not play this string
5. O = this is an open string and should be included in the chord.

fig 10.



Therefore to play this G chord we should hold down the 1st string 3rd fret with the left hand and strum down from the 3rd string.