



### **ELECTRIC GUITAR**

Normally steel strings, with multiple pick up and controls. May have a solid body but there are many that are hollow or semi hollow as well.

### **ACOUSTIC GUITAR**

Normally bronze or nylon strings, hollow body, can have pick up too.

# **GUITAR BASICS**

## **COMMON TERMS IN THIS VIDEO**



### **NECK**

The long wooden stem that connects the headstock of the guitar to the body. This is where the fretboard lies.



### **FRET**

The space between each fret bar. This is where you will finger each note.



### **FRETBOARD**

Attached to the neck, this is where the frets lie.



### **TUNING PEGS (MACHINE HEADS)**

Located on the headstock. Twisting the tuning pegs increases or decreases the tension of the string, and changes the pitch accordingly.



### **STRINGS**

Metal or nylon strips of wire that produce sound through vibrations.



### **BODY**

The main part of the guitar where you can find the pickups, toggle switches, bridge, and dials.



### **SOUND HOLE**

Enables an acoustic guitar to produce good sound on its own as opposed to an electric guitar which needs an amp.



### **HEADSTOCK**

Attached to the guitar neck where the tuning pegs are located.



### **BRIDGE**

A metal or wooden part on the front of the body that holds the strings in place.



### **BRIDGE PINS**

On most acoustic guitars, there are pins on the bridge that hold the strings in place.



### **PICK UP**

Electro-magnetic strips on the body of an electric guitar. Pickups create a magnetic field which alters the vibrations and the tone of the guitar.



### **TOGGLE SWITCH**

A lever on the front of the guitar that switches which pickup is being used, to create slightly different guitar sounds.



### **TOGGLE CONTROLS**

Dials that control the tone of the guitar, brightness or dullness of the sound.

## **HINTS & SAFETY**

- » If the pickup in your acoustic is not working, check the battery is in the right way and not flat.
- » Always turn the amp down when plugging in an instrument.
- » Check that your guitar strap is secure when using as you don't want to drop the guitar.



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