Noodlecafé

The one string relationship

Find any note on the next string, without counting.

5 5 5 4 5

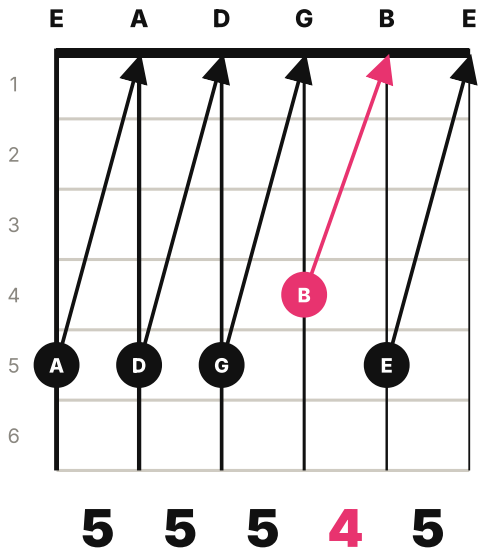
The rules

- **Each string** is the one below it, 5 frets up.
- **One exception:** G to B is only 4 frets.
- **Same note, next string up** = 5 frets lower (4 from G to B).
- **Chord shapes** shift up 1 fret when they cross onto the B string.

Why it works

strings	interval	half steps	fret
E → A	perfect 4th	5	5
A → D	perfect 4th	5	5
D → G	perfect 4th	5	5
G → B	major 3rd	4	4
B → e	perfect 4th	5	5

The string code



5 5 5 4 5

Same note, next string up · lower-string fret → upper-string fret

fret	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
E → A		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A → D		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D → G		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G → B	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B → e		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Tune by ear in 5 steps

1. **Low E fret 5** = open A
2. **A fret 5** = open D
3. **D fret 5** = open G
4. **G fret 4** = open B
5. **B fret 5** = open high e

Listen for the wobble. When it stops, the strings match.

Try it now · 2 minutes

Play the low E at fret 5, then the open A. Same note? Walk up with 5 5 5 4 5 and you just tuned by ear.

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