

TAB (or tablature) is a way of writing music notation for fretted instruments that indicates fingering rather than musical pitches. It is useful for those of us that do not read formal music notation and can help to learn, or to remind you how to play a tune or a particular passage.

Guitar TAB has six horizontal lines that represent the six strings on the guitar. The top line is the thinnest string (first) and the lowest line represents the thickest (sixth) E string. The numbers that are placed on the lines tell you what fret on which string to play a note. Only ever play the strings with numbers; If a string has no number, don't play it. The "0" means that a string is played open, with no finger pressing down the string.

TAB 1

The horizontal lines indicate the strings of the guitar and the number tells you what fret to put your finger on for that string. "0" means, play this string open (with no fingers on it) Read TAB left to right. Tab numbers stacked up mean play those notes at the same time. TAB numbers by themselves vertically are played singly.

Thin "E" String	e	— 2 — 0 — 0 —		0 —
	A	— 0 —		1 —
	D	— 0 —		0 —
	G	— — — — 2 —		
	B	— — — — — —		
Thick "E" String	E	— 0 —		

This is enough to get you started, certainly. Tablature can get pretty complex though; there are a few more details here:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablature>