

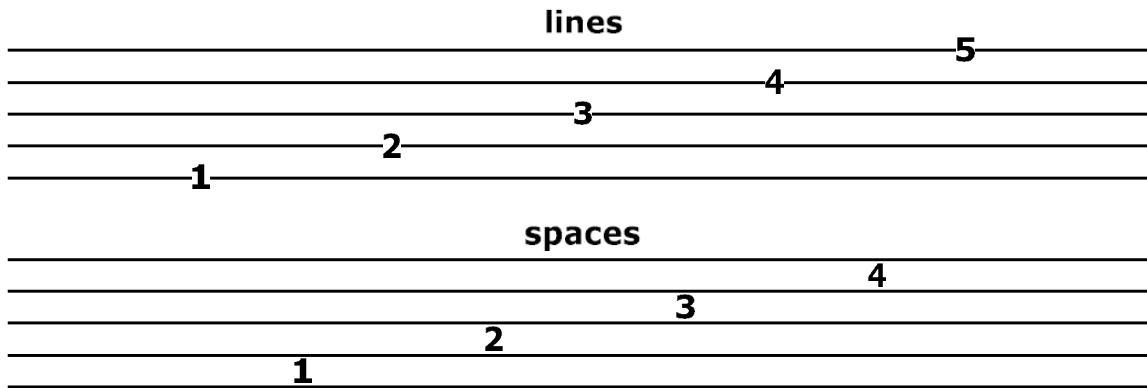
RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC

STANDARD NOTATION

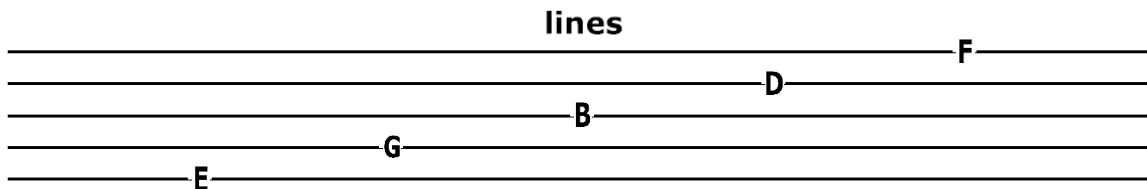
Music can be written using notation. Notation is a system which represents the sounds of music through the use of written symbols, such as notes. It is extremely important for the guitar student to learn to read *standard notation*. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you study sight-reading standard notation along with the topics covered in this book. In this section, we will only briefly mention some very basic concepts about standard notation.

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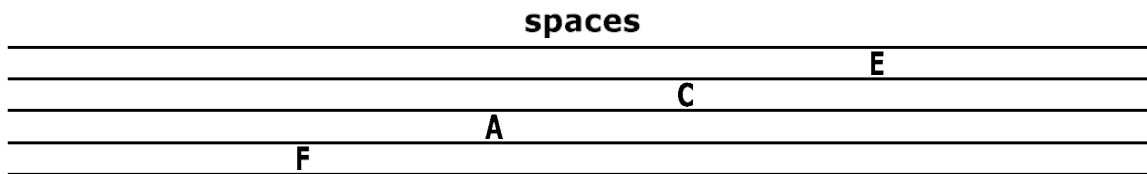
Standard notation is written on a staff. The staff is composed of five lines and four spaces. The lines and spaces are numbered as shown below:



The lines and spaces also have letter names:



An easy way to remember the names of the lines is using a mnemonic aid such as: **Every Good Boy Does Fine**.



The letters in the spaces spell the word **FACE**.