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Rhythm Music Staff

The following is an example of a rhythm chord progression written on a musical staff. A staff is the group of horizontal lines on which music is written. The symbol at the beginning of the staff is a “G clef” and this is used for all guitar music. The music staff is subdivided into smaller sections called measures by vertical lines called bar lines. The chord names are written above the staff, and the rhythm notation indicates the rhythm in which the chords are strummed. A chord progression is a series of chords played in a specified rhythm and order.

![Rhythm Staff Diagram]

Time Signatures

Time signatures are written at the beginning of a piece of music. The sole function of a time signature is to tell you how to count the music you are about to play. The top number tells you how many beats there are in each measure and the bottom number tells what type of beat is receiving the count. The two most common time signatures, and the two that will be used in this book are 4/4 and 3/4 time pictured below.

$$\frac{4}{4} = \text{Number of beats per measure.}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \text{The type of beat receiving one beat.}$$

![Time Signatures Diagram]

Set up a practice routine that is manageable for you, be consistent and realize everyone learns at a different rate.