



# PENTATONIC SCALES



**BOX 1**  
- WHICH FINGERS TO USE  
- WHICH STRINGS TO PLAY

**ADGBE**

**BOX 2**  
- THE NOTES BEING PLAYED

**ORANGE FOR ROOT NOTE**  
**GREEN FOR OPEN NOTE**

**WHAT IS A SCALE?**

A **SCALE** is a series of notes that goes either **UP** or **DOWN** from one note to the **SAME** note one **OCTAVE HIGHER** or **LOWER**

**WHAT IS A PENTATONIC SCALE?**

A **PENTATONIC SCALE** is a series of **FIVE** notes ("PENT" at the beginning of a word means "FIVE")

**WHY PRACTISE THIS?**

This is where you start if you want to learn how to play **LEAD GUITAR**

## BOX 1

## BOX 2

**G MAJOR**

**G A B D E G**

THE NOTES LISTED ABOVE MAKE UP THE **G MAJOR PENTATONIC SCALE**

THE BOXES TO THE LEFT SHOW YOU HOW TO PLAY THIS SCALE

PRACTISE PLAYING THESE IN ORDER UNTIL YOU CAN REMEMBER THEM

ONCE YOU CAN DO THIS, TRY MIXING THE ORDER UP

## BOX 1

## BOX 2

**E MINOR**

**E G A B D E**

THE NOTES LISTED ABOVE MAKE UP THE **E MINOR PENTATONIC SCALE**

THE BOXES TO THE LEFT SHOW YOU HOW TO PLAY THIS SCALE

PRACTISE PLAYING THESE IN ORDER UNTIL YOU CAN REMEMBER THEM

ONCE YOU CAN DO THIS, TRY MIXING THE ORDER UP