

Music

How do chords help us to identify reggae?

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What do you already know about Reggae?

- Where is it from?
- What are Reggae songs about?
- What famous Reggae musicians do you know?



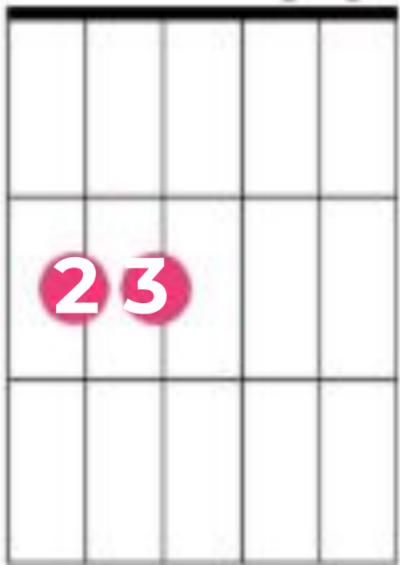
What do we notice about the rhythms used in Reggae?

- Are the chords on or off beat?
- What effect does this have on the music?

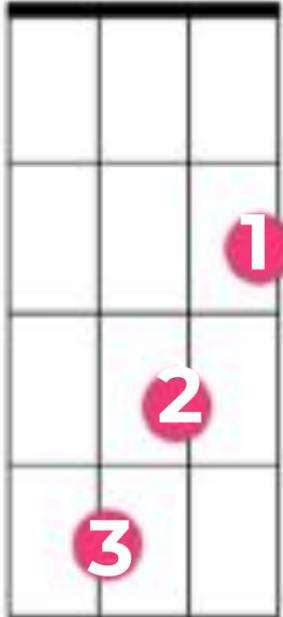


Playing E minor

Guitar



Ukulele



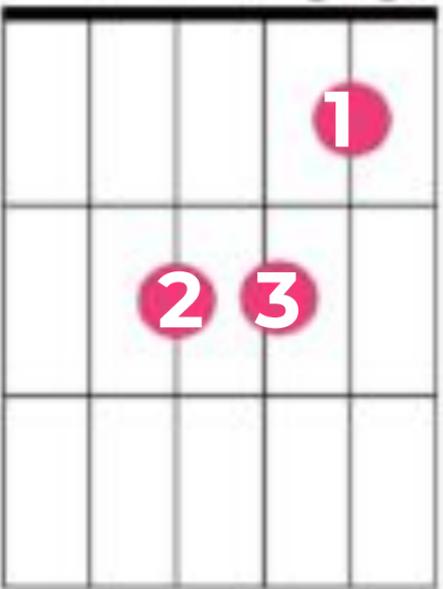
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Use 1, 3, 5

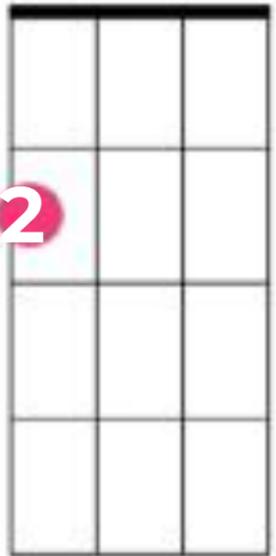


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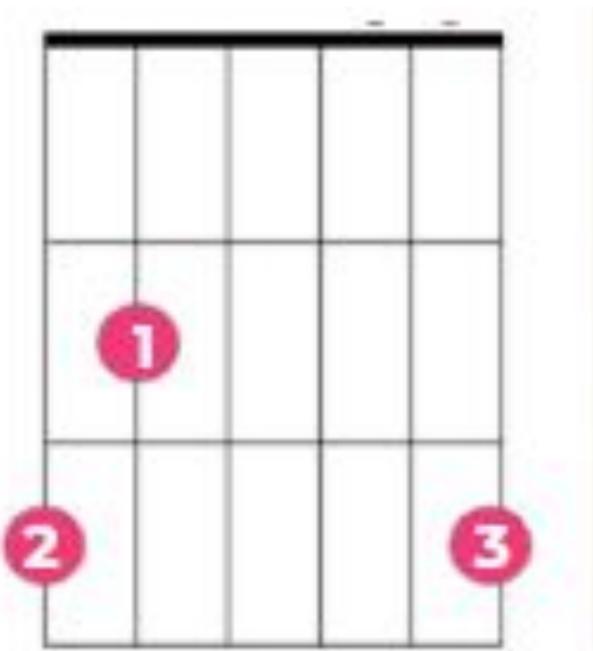
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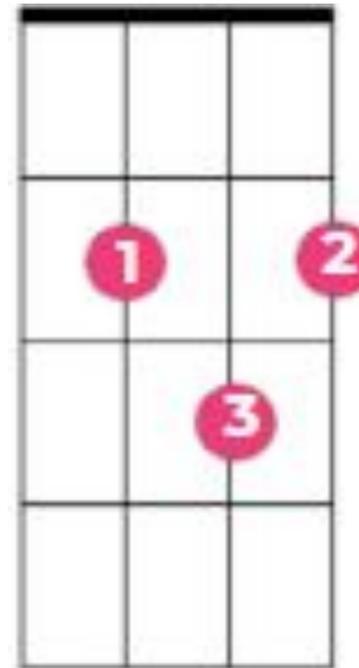


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Play the chords one after another in a **chord progression**.

Could you experiment with a skank rhythm?

Diagram illustrating a chord progression and rhythm notation:

- Chord 1: **G** (Teal box)
- Chord 2: **Am** (Teal box)

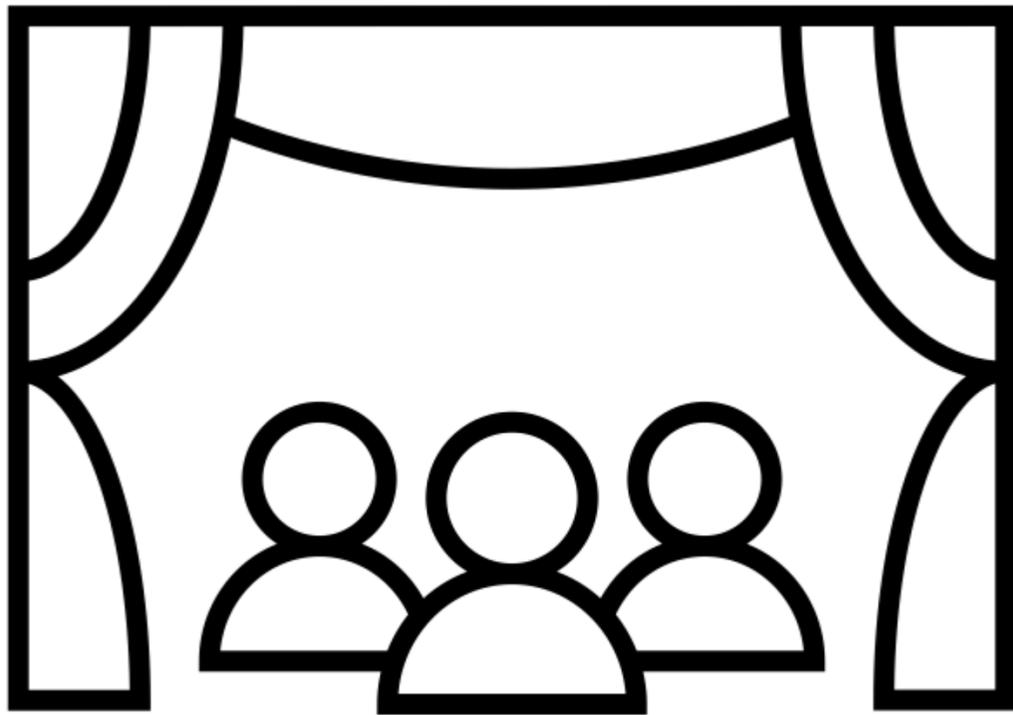
Rhythm notation (skank rhythm):

1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

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Perform with the reggae band



- Watch out for the chords that only last two beats!
- Practice slowly, and when you are ready, play with the track (you can find this on the worksheet).
- Get an audience together!

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Our key question:

How do chords help us to identify reggae?

Choose the correct sentences:

The Reggae chords are played in a skank rhythm

Reggae chords are played on beat

Reggae chords are played off beat

A typical chord sequence uses chords far away from each other

A typical chord sequence uses chords next to each other

The rhythm of the chords makes the music faster

The rhythm of the chords gives the music energy

The Reggae chords are played in a skank rhythm



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