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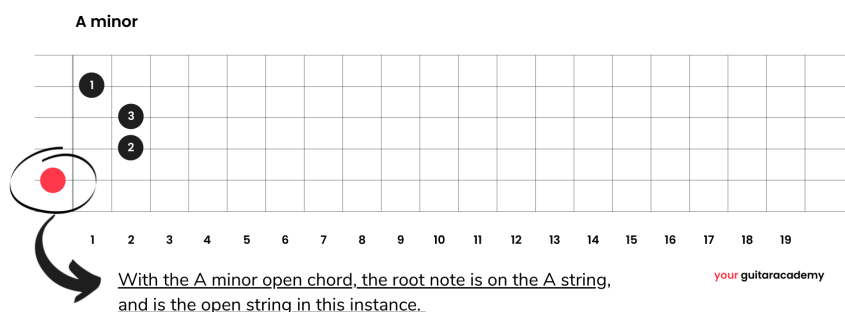
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The Capo

The capo is our beautiful gateway to the other keys that we can't access in our open positions. Let's first ask the question: **"Why would we need other keys?"**. Well, there are a few reasons. Firstly, you might want to play a certain song along with the track, using open chords, but the song is not in the key of C, D or G major. The capo can help us do that. Alternatively, you may have a song you've written and struggle to sing in that key. Pop the capo higher up the neck, and voila, we have a different range for your voice. These are just two of the amazing possibilities for the application of a capo.

The Theory...

The main thing we need to know is, is the chord shape major or minor, and what is my new root note. For example, check out this diagram:



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In Unit 3 we really jump up a notch, and enter the world of hip hop fingerstyle! It's so much fun to see just how applicable this style is to a wide range of music, and this track demonstrates that perfectly.

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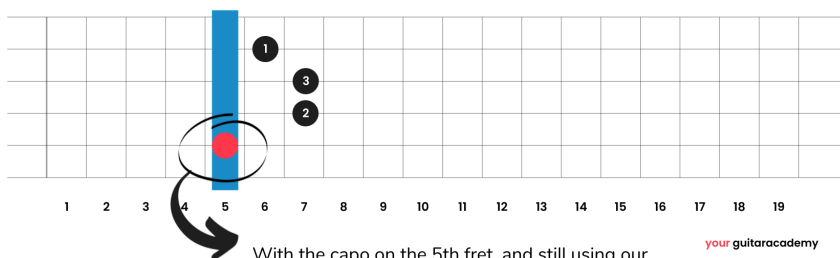
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A minor (capo 5th)



With the capo on the 5th fret, and still using our open chord of A minor shape, the root note is now under the capo on the A string, which is a D note. The chord, therefore, becomes D minor.

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This applies to every single chord shape, you simply need to know where the root note is. Notice how we titled the chord "A minor (Capo 5th)" rather than "D Minor". Yes, in theory, it is a D minor, and it's important to know that, but typically this is how it will be titled. We'll be applying all of this wonderful theory to our new song in this unit, so strap in for the next set of lessons!



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