The March Rhythm – 1.8

When talking about rhythm, we use the right hand to strum the guitar with (P), your thumb, and (I) with your other four fingers.

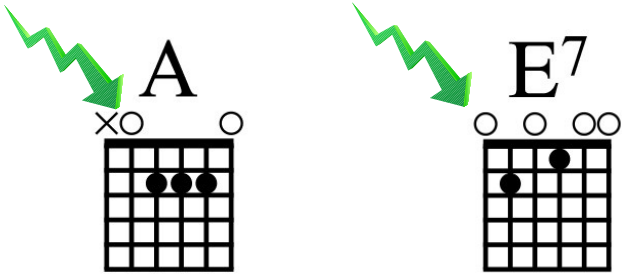
Rhythm – Marcha (The March)

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1 2



Let's learn our first rhythm which is called the “March”. In this rhythm, you will strike the root note of the chord with your thumb (P) on beat 1, the down beat. (If you play with a pick, use the pick in place of your thumb.)

The root note, of the chord, you want to play with (P) ,your thumb, or a pick. The root note is the last note on the lowest string marked by a white circle (O). Play only that specific single string. The root note changes depending on what chord you play. Therefore, pay close attention.



You will use the rest of your four fingers (I) to strike all of the strings in a downward motion on beat 2.
(If you play with a pick, the fingering with your right hand doesn't apply.)

See pictures on next page for examples with hitting the root note for the A chord.