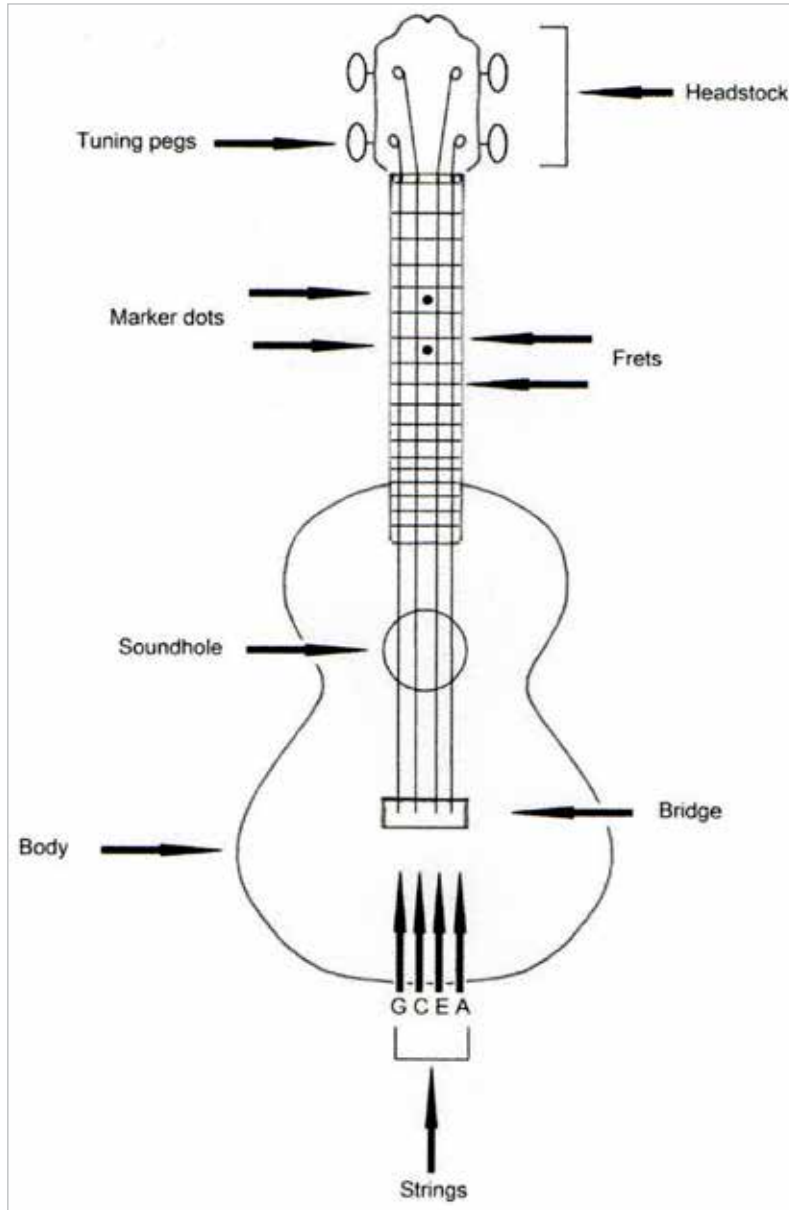


# The main parts of a ukulele



Ukuleles can be made of "laminated". However, solid wood will give you a better sound. Koa wood is traditionally used, but mahogany and spruce are very often used instead.



Old strings lose their tone, so it's a good idea to put new ones on regularly, especially if you are playing a lot.



Your finances will, of course, dictate how much you can spend on your first ukulele, but don't be tempted to buy the cheapest instrument that you can find. Buy the best instrument that you can afford. I have found that even £10 or £20 more can make a big difference in how easy an instrument is to play. A more playable ukulele will help you enjoy your playing, which in turn will keep you motivated.