



GUITARS



ORIGINS

There are many sorts of guitars. Stringed instruments similar to guitars have been found as far back as Ancient Egypt. The first ever guitar as we know it was probably made early in the 16th century and originated in Spain. The first ever electric guitar was made in 1931 by George Beauchamp, and subsequently manufactured by Rickenbacker electro. It was first played by a man called Jack Miller in 1932.

This acoustic guitar was made by a man called Christian Frederik Martin in the 1830s in the United States.



FAMOUS GUITAR COMPANY

The famous guitar company 'Gibson' was named by its owner Orville Gibson on the 10th of October 1902. Gibson's became very popular and they carried on to sell them in many guitar shops. Guild, Seagull and Yamaha are also some of the other well-known guitar companies who compete with Gibson.

WHAT ARE GUITARS MADE OF?

While acoustic guitars and electric guitar strings are made of steel-strings, modern guitar strings are made of nylon and nylon wound with wire, which produces a different sound.

Classic guitar strings were made of animal intestine and silk wound with animal intestine up until World War II (1939).

The majority of guitars in the world are made of wood from the neck to the body. Guitars today are mostly made out of: maple, ash, alder, poplar and many types of materials from around the globe.

FAMOUS GUITARISTS

1. Jimi Hendricks
2. Chuck Berry
3. Robert Johnson
4. Eric Clapton
5. Eddie Van Halen
6. Honourable Mentions
7. Joe Satriani
8. Jeff Beck

Did you Know?

The World's Biggest Functioning Guitar is 13 Meters Long.

The Shortest Guitar is Just 10 Microns! ...

The Most Expensive Guitar Ever Sold, Cashed Out For A Whopping \$2.8million!

Gibson Made the Most Luxurious Guitar of All Time.



FIND OUT MORE... (THIS HAS THE USEFUL WEBLINKS/VIDEOLINKS UNDERNEATH)

<https://www.ducksters.com/musicforkids/guitar.php#:~:text=Fun%20Facts%20about%20Guitars,90%2C000%20guitar%20strings%20a%20day.>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the first stringed instrument come from?
2. Which is the most famous guitar company?
3. How much did the most expensive guitar sell for?
4. Who played the first electric guitar?
5. What part of an animal are guitar strings made from?