

Right Hand Finger Exercises

Walking with your index and middle fingers

There are plenty of right hand finger exercises out there. The problem is that many require the student to hold down chords. Giuliani's 120 right hand studies are an excellent way to improve your technique, but probably need to be playing at at least grade 2 standard to comfortably hold the chord shapes.

These exercises only use open strings and are therefore possible even in the earliest stages of guitar playing. They cover the sort of right hand patterns you are sure to encounter. It is particularly important to follow the right hand fingering or you miss the point of the exercises. There are two principles:

1. Fingers always alternate.
2. Fingers, and particularly the thumb, are not restricted to playing particular strings.

Start slowly, and repeat each exercise until you are comfortable. Then gradually speed up. Some of the exercises may be played with free or rest strokes, but most will need free strokes. A number of techniques may be explored when playing these exercises and they can be useful up to an advanced level.

You might like to vary the exercises by playing them on different strings or extending them across all the strings.

EXERCISE 1



EXERCISE 2



EXERCISE 3



EXERCISE 4



EXERCISE 5



EXERCISE 6



EXERCISE 7



EXERCISE 8



EXERCISE 9

