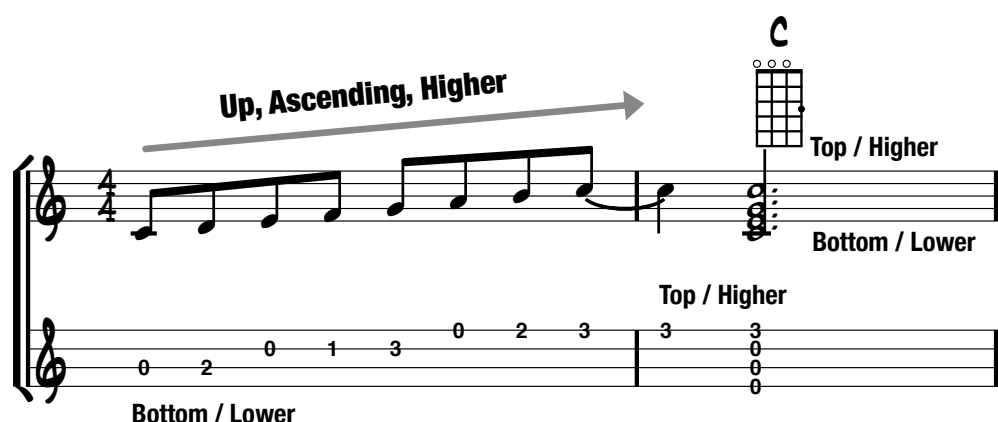


## Up, Down, Higher, Lower, Top, Bottom, Ascending, Descending...

What is up, down, higher, lower, top, bottom, ascending, descending on a guitar?  
Up, down, higher, lower, top, bottom, ascending, descending should refer to musical pitch and not to direction as we know it. Up and higher refers to the raising of musical pitch. Down and lower refer to the lowering of musical pitch. Top refers to the upper note of a chord voicing or musical phrase and bottom refers to the lowest note.

These terms can be shown using standard music notation.



The standard music notation also happens to show one of the problems with tab. Tab can not accurately show the ascending and descending nature of pitch or the contour of a musical line as well as written music notation can.

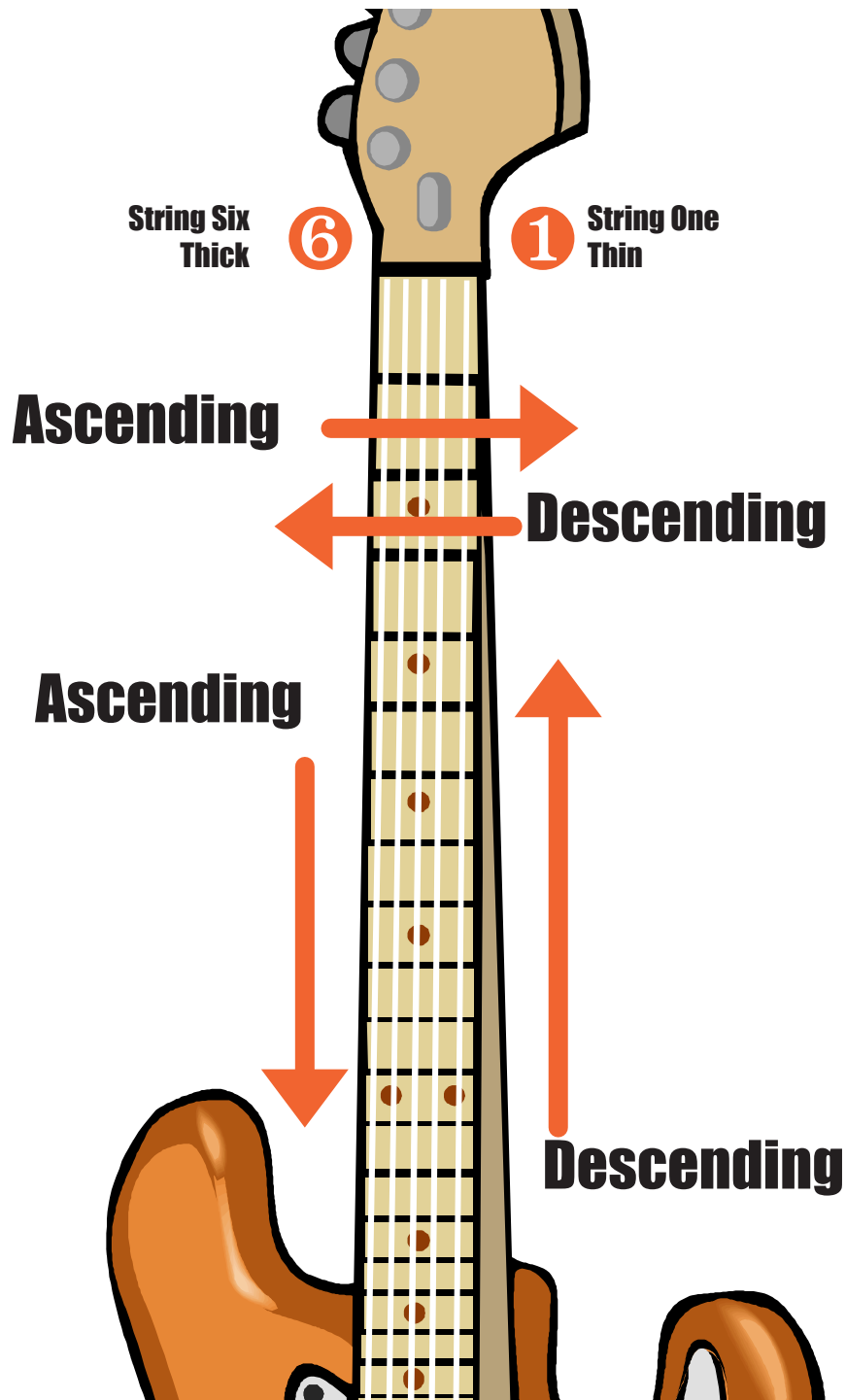
### Horizontal Only

Piano notes move only in the horizontal direction. Higher, ascending pitches move to the right, *up* the keyboard and descending pitches move to the left, *down* the keyboard. Even sharp and flat notes are easy to figure out.

### The Guitar Moves Horizontally and Vertically

In standard tuning, notes on the guitar can move either along the strings or across the strings.





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