## The A Major Scale

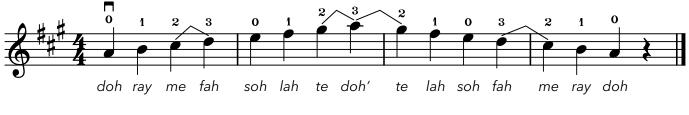
## A Sequence of Notes, Starting on A



The **A major scale** starts on the A string, and follows the same **tone - tone - semitone** pattern as G and D major, on both the A and E strings.

G DAE The **A major scale** (1 octave) uses the notes and finger placements you see on the left (Finger Pattern 1). Tone (Whole Step) 1 The pattern on the A string is exactly the same as the pattern on the E Tone (Whole Step) string. C# G# 2 Semitone (Half Step) Make sure that your 2nd and 3rd 3 fingers are close enough to each other for the half steps (C# to D, and G# to A). A String **E** String Pattern Pattern А В Cs D Е Fs Gs А

Here are the notes of the **A major scale**. Try playing them slowly.



## Activities

- 1) **Sing** the note names and solfa names of the scale.
- 2) **Play** the scale with slurred bowing (two notes to a bow).
- 3) Play the scale with different rhythms, e.g.:

