

Barre Chords - Little Talks

Learn how to play barre chords by learning the song "Little Talks" by Of Monsters And Men, who got their big break winning the 2010 Battle of the Bands in Iceland.

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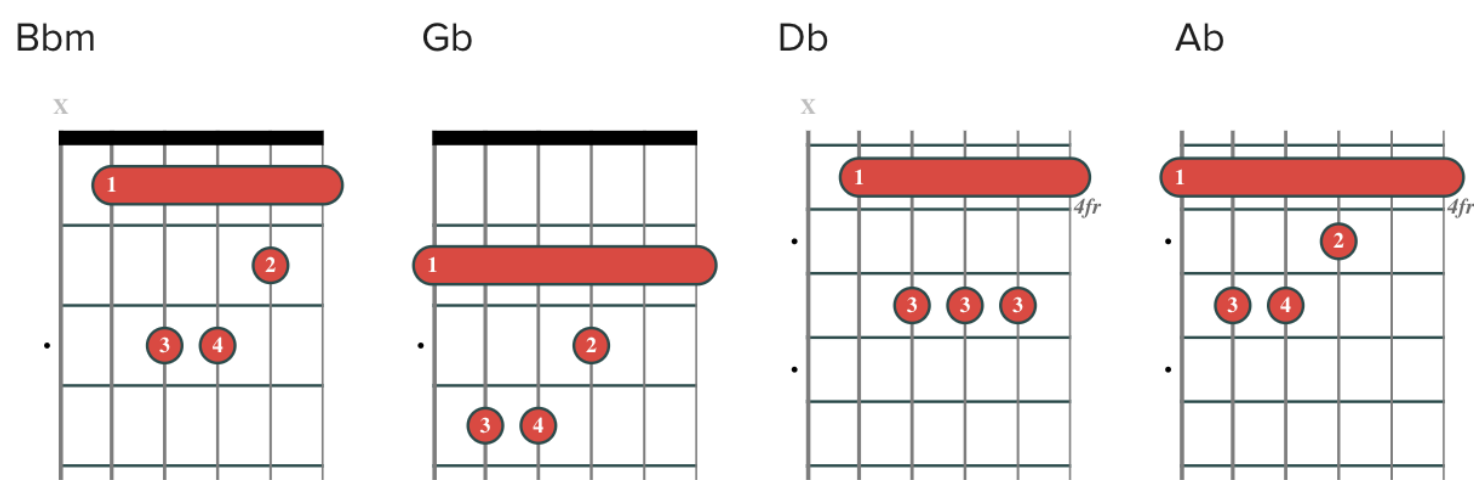
Listen to "Little Talks" instrumental version on the app.
Can students tell barre chords are being played?

PRACTICE

- Ask student to analyze the chord progression, strumming pattern and to identify the main melody.
- This song uses 4 different barre chords moving through a new one every measure, which makes this a moderately hard song to play using barre chords.

Student should:

- Identify chord progression by putting I IV V iV in the order the correct order
- Practice each barre chord making sure all strings are producing sound (Bbm Gb Db Ab)
- Play the chord progression with a comfortable strumming pattern



RECORD

Record the song in the app.

REFLECT

- What barre chord was most difficult? Why or why not?
- Is it easier to play the chord by itself than switching between barre chords?

TAKE IT FURTHER

- Play along with the melody of the chorus
- Using Db Major scale, have student improvise a solo during the verses
- Alternate between major scale and relative minor (Bb minor)
- Change the key of the song to have the student practice barre chords in different positions.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- iOS, Android, or Chromebook device.
- Guitar.

SUGGESTED ASSIGNMENTS

Rearrange chords to create a new musical piece (use the same barre chords in a different order)

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