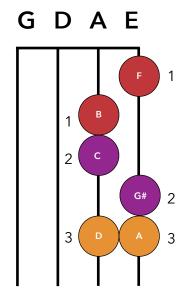
A Harmonic Minor Scale

A Harmonic Minor Finger Pattern





A harmonic minor uses finger pattern 2 on the A string, and finger pattern 1 (with 1st finger extended back) on the E string.

Each minor scale shares its key signature with a major scale. You can always find a minor scale's 'relative' major scale by counting up the note names by 3 semitones.

$$A \longrightarrow Bb \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C$$

Therefore, A minor shares the same key signature as C major.

They both have no sharps or flats:





Activities

- 1) **Sing** the letter names of the notes. Remember to say 'gees' for G#.
- 2) **Memorise** the scale.
- 3) Write slurs over the quavers and then play the scale with the new bowing.
- 4) **Clap**, **say** and **play** this rhythm pattern for A harmonic minor:



5) **Create** other rhythm patterns for this scale.