

Why No One Understands Modes

It's All About Chords

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E Ionian

T
A
B

E Ionian Primary Chords (I-IV-V)(E-A-B)

T
A
B

0	2	4	5	5	7	9	10	12	12
1	2	4	4	6	8	9	9	11	13
2	2	4	6	7	9	9	11	13	14
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E Dorian

T
A
B

E Dorian Primary Chords (i-IV)(Em-A)

T
A
B

0	2	5	5	8	10	12
0	2	4	6	9	9	12
2	2	5	7	9	11	14
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E Phrygian

TAB: 12-13-15, 12-14-15, 12-14, 15-12-14-16, 13-15-17, 13, 15-17

E Phrygian Primary Chords (i-III)(Em-F)

Em F Em F Em F Em

TAB: 0-0-2, 1-2-3, 5-4-5, 6-5-7, 8-9-9, 10-10-10, 12-12-14, 0-0-0

E Lydian

TAB: 12-14-16, 13-14-16, 13-14, 16-13-15-16, 14-16-17, 14, 16-18

E Lydian Primary Chords (I-II)(E-F#)

E F# E F# E F# E

TAB: 0-1-2, 2-3-4, 5-4-6, 7-6-8, 9-9-9, 11-11-11, 12-13-14, 0-0-0

E Mixolydian

TAB: 12-14-16, 12-14-16, 12-14, 16-13-14-16, 14-15-17, 14, 16-17

E Mixolydian Primary Chords (I-bVII)(E-D)

E D E D E D E

T	0	3	5	7	9	10	12
A	1	2	4	7	9	11	13
B	2	4	6	7	9	12	14
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E Aeolian

T	12 — 14 — 15			12 — 14 — 15			16 — 12 — 14 — 16			13 — 15 — 17			14		15 — 17	
A																
B																

E Aeolian Primary Chords (i-iv-v)(Em-Am-Bm)

Em Am Bm Em Am Bm Em Am Bm Em

T	0	1	3	5	5	7	8	10	12	12
A	0	2	4	4	5	7	9	9	11	12
B	2	2	4	5	7	9	9	10	12	14
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E Aeolian Primary Chords Variation (i-VI-VII)(Em-C-D)

Em C D Em C D Em C D Em

T	0	1	3	5	5	7	8	8	10	12
A	0	0	2	4	5	7	9	9	11	12
B	2	2	4	5	5	7	9	10	12	14
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E Locrian

T	12 — 13 — 15			12 — 13 — 15			15 — 12 — 14 — 15			13 — 15 — 17			13		15 — 17	
A																
B																

E Locrian Primary Chords (im7b5)

Em7b5

Em7b5/G

Em7b5/Bb

Em7b5/D

The image displays musical notation and guitar tablature for four E Locrian primary chords. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bottom staff is a guitar tablature with six lines. The chords are: Em7b5 (fingering 3-3-3-2), Em7b5/G (fingering 6-5-7-5), Em7b5/Bb (fingering 10-8-9-8), and Em7b5/D (fingering 12-11-12-12). The tablature shows the fret numbers for each string and the bass line (0).

Chord	String 6	String 5	String 4	String 3	String 2	String 1
Em7b5	0	3	3	3	2	0
Em7b5/G	0	6	5	7	5	0
Em7b5/Bb	0	10	8	9	8	0
Em7b5/D	0	12	11	12	12	0