

String Bends, Lesson 7: 'Cut-off' or 'Choke' Bends

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Ex. 1) Fret the G string at the 7th fret, with your 3rd finger. Place your 1st and 2nd fingers on the same string, on the 5th and 6th frets. The note you are playing is a D. Pick the string, quickly bend it up a tone, and rest your pick on the string as soon as it hits pitch. Resting your pick on the string will cut off, or 'choke' the note.

The image shows a musical exercise for guitar. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a standard musical staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music. Each measure starts with a quarter note on the G string at the 7th fret (D), followed by a quarter rest. Above each note, there is a hat symbol (^) and an upward-pointing arrow labeled 'full', indicating a full-tone bend. The bottom staff is a guitar tablature staff with the letters 'T', 'A', and 'B' on the left side. It shows the fretting for the G string: a '7' is written on the line representing the 7th fret in each of the four measures, corresponding to the notes in the musical staff above.

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