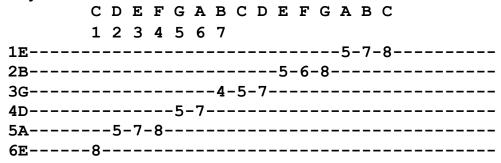
## An Introduction To Modes With Relative Minor & Relative Major – Key of C

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The simple explanation is that there is a relationship between the Major and the Natural Minor Scales. Two different scales but both scales share the same notes. Relative Parent Major C Ionian Mode (Ionian Mode is the "Major Scale") shares the same notes as it's Relative Minor, the A Aeolian Mode (the "Natural Minor Scale").

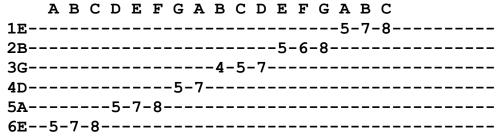
But how is this so? Remember from our Intervals Lesson that note 6 of the Major Scale is always the Relative Minor of that Major Scale. Look at the Major Scale below and you will see that the 6<sup>th</sup> note is an A. For those that have not had the Interval Lesson there is an easy way to determine the Relative Minor, which is always 3 frets away.

## TAB Using Finger Pattern 5 Aeolian/ Natural Minor Scale To Play The C Ionian Mode/ C Major Scale



To determine the Relative Minor of the Parent C Major Scale/ Ionian Mode you will descend 3 frets toward the nut. String 6E fret 8 note C descends 1 and 1/2 steps to fret 5 note A. We now have the starting note of the A Aeolian Mode which is note 6 of the C Major Scale. Take a look at the A Aeolian Mode/ Natural Minor Scale Below. You are starting the Ionian Mode two notes below fret 8 note C. A Aeolian is the Relative Minor of C Ionian, the Relative Parent Major. Strum an Am before you play it. **Be sure to memorize Finger Pattern 5 shown below:** 

## TAB Finger Pattern 5, The A Aeolian Mode/ A Natural Minor Scale:



To determine the Relative Major or the A Aeolian Mode start on String 6E Fret 5 (and ascend towards the bridge 1 and 1/2 steps from fret 5 note A to fret 8 note C. This is the starting note of the Relative Major Ionian. You can continue the A Aeolian TAB on string 5A.which you may notice is the same as Ionian. Strum a C chord a few times before you play Ionian to allow your ear to adjust to C. The Interval is always 3 frets. 1 and 1/2 steps either direction up or down the fret board to find the Relative Minor or Relative/ Parent Major.