

An Easy Way to find the 1st, 3rd, and 5th step of a chord

(also a great way to figure out a chord
name just by looking at it)

RULE – The name of the chord is always at the top
of the biggest space

Play a “C” Chord G C E

The biggest space is between the G and C
C is at the top of that space (to the right) so the name
of the chord is C. This is the Root or the 1st

The note at the bottom of the biggest space (to the
left) is always the 5th step of the chord. (G)

The remaining note is the 3rd. (E)