Ear Training Progressions: The Condensed List

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\[ V(7) - I \]

Listen and compare over and over...try contrapuntal isolation if necessary (see bottom of page 2).

1) Key of A

These are especially bass-driven or "bass-motivated": Try singing the bass in some examples.

2) Key of E

Now with a different soprano:

Also try this note one octave lower.
3) Modulations or sequential V7-I's

Please try a few of other sequences using any of the examples on this page.

* Typical Contrapuntal isolations:

From the 1st example in the key of E:

From the 2nd example in the key of E:

And the "full boat" again:

Practice SEEING the sounds on this page in your mind's eye, away from the guitar while of course, continuing to practice them on the guitar as well.

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Try each one over and over ...

Key of E

Note: especially for the first one (see bottom of page).

Try changing the bass notes in some examples.

Also try this note one octave lower.

Key of C

Typical Contrapuntal Isolations

# From the 1st Ex. in E

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