

Slash Chords

G/A



Slash chords are all about the bass. They look like fractions with letters instead of numbers. The top or left part of the fraction is what the right hand plays. The bottom or right part is what should be played lower, in the left hand. With a slash chord like G/A, the right hand would play a "G" chord, and the left hand would play an "A" note (not an "A" chord).

When playing with a band, let the bass player take care of the lower notes. If the pianist is playing the low notes, the bassist has to play those same notes. Bass players often like to throw in alternate bass notes (like slash chords), so they get frustrated with pianists who play a lot of low notes.

