

The Rolling Stones – answers

Grammar numbered and in **green** – others are obviously possible

Vocab in **light blue**

The Rolling Stones **(3)are planning** to release a new album, possibly this year, guitarist Ronnie Wood said on Monday.

The British rockers last **(4)released** a studio album in 2005, but Wood said they **(2)have been** in the studio and recorded some new material and some blues covers. “We went in to **cut** some new songs, **(6)which we did**,” the 68-year-old Wood said. “But we got on a blues streak. We cut 11 blues in two days.

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When asked when the new **material** would be released, Wood said only: “This year.”

“When we heard them back after not hearing them for a couple of months, we were, ‘Who’s that? It’s you,’” Wood said. “It sounded so authentic.”

The Rolling Stones, which started as a blues band in 1962, just **wrapped up** a tour of Latin America with a free show in Cuba on 25 March. The band then **headed to** London for Monday’s opening of Exhibitionism, a **vast** exhibition of the group’s history at the Saatchi Gallery.

Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Wood arrived together at the gallery, but Richards wouldn’t go into any detail on the recent recording sessions. “There’s one coming,” the 72-year-old guitarist said of a new album. “I can’t say no more. **My lips are sealed**.”

The Stones have released 22 studio albums in Britain and 24 in the United States. A Bigger Bang was the last, and the band toured the album in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

They **resumed** touring in 2012 to mark the band’s 50th anniversary, but have only released a couple of new songs since then.

“We’re a working band,” Wood said. **(5)We’ll be working** again before the end of the year.”

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