



Do you know who these people are?

If no, can you guess what they do? If yes, what do you know about them?

Listening

Listen and what do you think the man is talking about, how could you rewrite what he has said?

To help you think about this:

- Who do you think he is talking to?
- What does he describe as authentic?

What is he talking about?

Compare your ideas with your partners

The Rolling Stones

Gist questions:

1. **When did the band last put out a record?**
2. **How long did the album take to record?**
3. **Where did they recently play a free concert**
4. **In which country, USA or the UK have the Stones released more albums?**

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

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

"They are extremely great cover versions of Howlin' Wolf and Little Walter, among other blues people. But they really sound authentic."

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. "We'll be working again before the end of the year."

Grammar hunt

2.1 Try to find examples of the following tenses and structures in the text above:

1. Present simple _____
2. Present perfect _____
3. Present continuous (for future) _____
4. Past simple _____
5. Future continuous form _____
6. Relative clause _____

2.2 Can you find a grammar mistake in the text? How should it be rewritten?

2.3 Have you heard this mistake before by native speakers?

3.1 Reported speech

Direct

"We went in to cut some new songs, which we did," Ronny Wood said

Reported

Ronny Wood said that they had gone in to cut some new songs, which they had done.

3.2 What changes have happened to the verb in the reported version?

3.3 How could you rewrite this?

"They are extremely great cover versions of Howlin' Wolf and Little Walter"

He said that

Written Record

Circle the correct option

Normally when we report something the tense *moves back / stays the same*

Vocabulary

Look in the text for synonyms of the following words, use the context. (to help you they are in order)

1. Recorded _____
2. Real / original _____
3. Songs / album _____
4. Completed / finished _____
5. Travelled to _____
6. Huge / big _____
7. I am saying nothing (phrase) _____
8. Went back to a job / task _____

Remember when you see new words, not to immediately use your dictionary; try to work out what the phrase means in the text, many of the words in the text have a different meaning if you look in a dictionary!