Old Habits Die Hard – Mick Jagger – Notes

- **Activity type:** Vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Present Simple.
- **Level:** Elementary.
- **Time:** 15 minutes.
- **Note:** This is from the soundtrack of the 2004 movie *Alfie*, starring Jude Law. Dave Stewart (once of The Eurythmics) co-wrote the song, and features on guitar. The song won the 2005 Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. Mick Jagger also recorded a version of the song with Sheryl Crow.

1) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to look at the pictures and write the correct word to fill in the blanks.

2) Ask them to complete the remaining vocabulary.

3) Play the song and allow students to correct in pairs.

4) Play the song again, then correct in open class.

5) Sing the song together.

**Key:**

I thought I shook myself **free**
You see I **bounce** back quicker than most
But I’m half delirious, it’s too **mysterious**
You walk through my **walls** like a **ghost**
And I take everyday at a time
I’m proud as a **lion** in his lair
Now there’s no denying it, and no decrying it
You’re all tangled up in my **head**

Old habits **die** hard
Old **soldiers** just fade away
Old habits **die** hard
Harder than November **rain**

We haven’t spoken in **months**
You see I’ve been counting the **days**
I **dream** of such insanities, such insanities
I’m lost like a **kid** in a maze
But I’ve never taken your calls
You see I put the block on my **phone**
I act like an addict, I just got to have it
I can never can leave it alone
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I thought I shook myself (≠ imprisoned) __ __ __ __
You see I (verb for a ball) b__ __ __ __ __ __ back quicker than most
But I’m half delirious, it’s too (like a detective novel) m __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
You walk through my __________ like a __________
And I take everyday at a time
I’m proud as a __________ in his lair
Now there’s no denying it, and note decrying it
You’re all tangled up in my __________

**CHORUS:**

Old habits ________ hard
Old ________ just fade away
Old habits ________ hard
Harder than November __________
Old habits ________ hard
Old ________ just fade away
Old habits ________ hard
Hard enough to feel the pain

We haven’t spoken in (January, February, March etc.) __ __ __ __ __ __
You see, I’ve been counting the (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday etc.) __ __ __ __
I (when you sleep you sometimes...) __ __ __ __ of such inanities, such insanities
I’m lost like a (= “child” Am. English) __ __ in a maze
But I’ve never taken your calls
You see, haven’t no block on my ______
I act like an addict,
I just got to have it
I never can leave it alone

**REPEAT CHORUS**

And I can’t give you up
Can’t leave you alone
And its so hard, so hard
And it’s hard enough to feel the pain

**REPEAT CHORUS**