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Vocabulary: reunions 词汇: 团聚

What is it about reunions that make some people **reluctant** to go to? Is it that they're afraid of being judged by people who they met in their **heyday**? Is it a fear of having betrayed **high expectations**? Or is it the risk of realising that the sparkle that held the group together is no longer there?



Fans have been keen on a Spice Girls reunion, but Posh Spice is saying 'no'. Fans have **eagerly** followed months of **speculation** about the five British singers getting together again. For this generation – now mainly middle aged mothers – it's a chance to introduce the band to their own daughters. But, unfortunately, it's not **gonna** happen. They might see four of them.

Get together? Thanks but... no thanks!

The **spoil sport** seems to be Victoria Beckham. Maybe Posh Spice became too **posh** herself to **shake her booty** on a stage. She's said in the past that she's got no plans to join with Baby, Scary, Ginger and Sporty.

"Doing the Olympics was an incredible honour. That's great. Thank you to everybody, but no more," she said after the group performed at the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in London in 2012.

And then there's Friends. Well, no more chats at the (**fictitious**) Central Perk cafe for Chandler Bing. Actor Matthew Perry has announced that he won't **attend** the reunion show of the hit American TV sitcom which **captured the imagination** of audiences in several countries. It ended in 2004 after ten series.

Perry's spokesperson said he "may **tape** something" as a **tribute** to the series' creator James Burrows but... he is **otherwise engaged**. As some Hollywood actors do, he will star in a play in London which runs until May. It's a story about being middle aged. Enough said.

词汇表

reluctant	不情愿的
heyday	全盛时期
high expectations	高期望
eagerly	急切地、迫不及待地
speculation	推测，猜测
gonna (going to)	会（做什么，发生什么）
spoil sport	扫兴者
posh	富贵的
to shake (her) booty	（跟着音乐）摇摆（她的）臀部
fictitious	虚构的
to attend	参加
to capture the imagination	抓住了（人们的）想象力
to tape	录影
tribute	致敬，致词
otherwise engaged	抽不出身，有约在身

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. True or false? *Fans were disappointed by the news of Posh Spice not joining the Spice Girls reunion because they were sure she would be there.*
2. What are Baby, Scary, Ginger and Sporty?
3. What is Central Perk?
4. What might the actor who played Chandler Bing do instead of joining the other members of the cast?
5. What does the author of the article mean by 'enough said'?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. This band is great! Come on to the dance floor! _____!

capture your imagination	shake your booty	heyday	otherwise engaged
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2. Alan and I are no longer a couple. The _____ is gone and we don't love each other anymore.

heyday	speculation	girl power	sparkle
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3. My flatmate is _____. She goes to bed very early and doesn't allow me to organise dinner parties for my friends.

a spoil sport	posh	reluctant	otherwise engaged
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4. I've been waiting _____ for Matthew Perry's play to open at London's West End. I'm a fan!

keen	eagerly	reluctantly	unfortunately
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5. I have to tell you something... Come on, let's go for _____.

a chat	a reunion	a performance	enough said
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答案

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1. True or false? *Fans were disappointed by the news of Posh Spice not joining the Spice Girls reunion because they were sure she would be there.*

False. The reunion of the five members of the pop group was surrounded by speculation so nobody could be sure it was going to happen.

2. What are Baby, Scary, Ginger and Sporty?

These are the nicknames of the singers of the Spice Girls' group and Posh Spice is the fifth member.

3. What is the Central Perk?

The Central Perk is the name of a factitious cafe where the main characters of the American sitcom Friends used to get together to chat and... drink coffee.

4. What might the actor who played Chandler Bing do instead of joining the other members of the cast?

According to his spokesperson, he might record a message paying tribute to the creator of the popular show Friends.

5. What does the author of the article mean by 'enough said'?

The author implies that being older and having other interests might be a reason for some people not to be keen on going to reunions and this might be the case regarding Matthew Perry.

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5. I have to tell you something... Come on, let's go for **a chat**.