

词汇: *the past* 过往

You can't cross the same river twice, the popular saying goes. This wisdom reminds us that everything changes - expecting to **relive** your **bygone days** of success in the same way is unrealistic. But, apparently, this doesn't apply to music. Over the last decade or so, for one reason or another, a number of high-profile bands have decided to stop **resting on their laurels** and have **reunited**. But why?

Earlier this year, rock band Genesis confirmed that they will **reconvene** for one more tour. In November 2019, the Pussycat Dolls announced a slew of tour dates for April 2020. In 2018, it was the Spice Girls' **comeback**. The list goes on. Many bands have found new success in their **resurrected** form. American alternative rock band The Pixies originally broke up in 1993 after playing for seven years. After an eleven-year **hiatus**, the band reunited in 2004 and have not stopped.

In some cases, it's financial reasons that made them go back on the road. "Touring these days is far more lucrative than it used to be," according to Kara Weisenstein of online publisher Mic. This is because ticket prices have risen to compensate for the piracy that weakened music sales in the 90s, according to online publisher Bloomberg.

'People are really into **nostalgia** right now,' Lance Bass, member of **former** band NSYNC told Variety magazine. When The Pixies reformed, their 2004 comeback tour sold out within minutes. Is it possible that those teenage fans **of yore** have grown into **nostalgic** adults **wistful** for their youth? Bass thinks so. 'I think fans just want to feel that innocence and excitement again,' he says.

But not everybody thinks that these **reunions** are a good thing. "There's something noble in not trying to go after **past glories**," says NME writer Leonie Cooper. 'As much as I love ABBA... the fact they refused to risk putting on a show that might not match the excellence of their **heyday** is pretty impressive.'

Should bands reunite? Opinion is divided. If things don't go well, they run the risk of being labelled **has-beens** and tarnishing their reputation. But if their sound is as good as it ever was and the fans are happy, then who's going to complain? After all, you can never have too much of a good thing.

词汇表

“you can't cross the same river twice”	“人不能两次过同一条河”，万物都在变化
relive	重温，回味
bygone days	曾经的日子
rest on your laurels	安于现状，吃老本
reunite	使重聚
reconvene	重新集合
comeback	复出
resurrected	复活的，重振的
hiatus	间断
sentimentality	感伤，感情用事
nostalgia	对往事的怀念，怀旧
former	从前的
of yore	很久以前
nostalgic	怀旧的
wistful	留恋的
reunion	重聚
past glory	往日的辉煌
heyday	全盛期
has-been	曾经红极一时的人

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Which three bands mentioned in the article have reunited in the last 5 years?
2. True or false: *The Pixies have been playing longer since their reformation than before it.*
3. Why are bands more likely to go on tours these days compared to before?
4. What reason does Lance Bass give for band reunions being so popular?
5. According to Leonie Cooper, what danger is there of a band making a comeback?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Everybody! You've got one hour to look around the market. We'll _____ here after.

comeback	reconvene	reunion	resurrect
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2. You're a _____! You can't do the same skateboard tricks you could before!

was-been	have-been	has-been	past-been
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3. I loved my grandpa. He would sit me on his knee and tell me about _____.

nostalgia	heyday	bygone days	reunions
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4. He doesn't look much now, but he was quite handsome in his _____.

hiatus	sentimentality	nostalgia	heyday
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5. Photos allow us to indulge in _____. However briefly, we can relive the past.

sentimental	nostalgia	yore	wistful
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答案

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