

# Spice Girls announce reunion tour

**The Spice Girls have confirmed they will reform for a world tour to take place in December and January.**

The full line-up has not performed on stage since Geri Halliwell quit in May 1998. The 11 dates announced include a London show on 15 December, eight days after the tour begins in Los Angeles.

"I think for us it was about celebrating the past, enjoying each other and it's about our fans. It was the right time," said Halliwell. The only British date is in London, with the venue not yet confirmed. The other European dates are in Cologne and Madrid.

## *FEARS AND DOUBTS*

Earlier this month Melanie Chisholm, also known as Sporty Spice, told the BBC she had resisted reforming the group in the past because "it was amazing, it was magical. We could never recreate it".

Asked why she had gone back on her word she said: "A girl is allowed to change her mind and also this is something that we have only seriously started this year really.

"I think really all of us have had our fears and doubts but we feel that the time is right."

Halliwell added: "For us it's about celebrating the past, enjoying each other and it's about our fans. It was kind of now or never."

## *GOOD-NATURED*

All five women laughed and joked constantly with photographers and reporters, even good-naturedly booing one journalist.

There had been rumours they would perform at the Concert for Diana memorial show in London on Sunday, but with Emma Bunton currently pregnant they decided not to appear.

"We would have loved to have been there this weekend but the timing has been impossible for us," said Chisholm.

As the conference drew to a close, all five women left the stage holding hands as Brown shouted, "You have been spiced!"

## *GLOBAL STATUS*

The tour is being put together by Simon Fuller, whose 19 company masterminded the group's global success more than a decade ago. Under his guidance, the five-piece notched up a string of hits - including Wannabe and 2 Become 1 - while also capitalising on their fame with a stream of sponsorship deals.

Emma Bunton, Mel Brown, Mel Chisholm, Victoria Adams and Geri Halliwell quickly became household names - although they were better known as Baby, Scary, Sporty, Posh and Ginger.

Not only the most successful bands of all time, they are world record holders for their large collection of number 1 singles and albums; sell out concerts and multi-million pound fortunes. As a group they sold more than 95 million records around the world, and even starred in a bestselling/ watched film, 'Spice World'. Halliwell quit in 1998 citing "differences", leaving them to complete a sold-out world tour as a four piece. Since 2001 each member has since pursued solo careers with varying degrees of success, while Posh Spice has become better known as fashion icon Victoria Beckham.

Read again the first part of **source Ab**, lines **X to X**.

Choose **four** statements below which are **TRUE**.

- Shade the boxes of the ones that you think are true
- Choose a maximum of four statements.

A. The Spice Girls' reunion includes an 11 date world tour.

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B. Melanie Chisolm was reluctant to take part in a reunion.

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C. Geri Halliwell quit the group in 1999.

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D. Victoria Beckham has sold more music as a solo artist.

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E. The group will make around £18 million each due to the reunion

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F. The group has had phenomenal success in the entertainment industry.

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G. The Spice Girls each have a spice ingredient nickname

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H. The group could not perform at the Concert for Diana as one member was expecting a baby.

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