

12B SONG I Heard It Through the Grapevine

- a Read the song lyrics and try to guess some of the missing words (1–8) They contain the same sound as the previous word in **bold**. Then listen and fill in the blanks.

I Heard It Through the Grapevine

Ooh, I bet you're wondering how I **knew**
 'Bout your plans to make me **'blue**
 With some other guy that you knew **before**.
 Between the two of us guys you know I love you **2m** _____.
 It took me by surprise I must **say**,
 When I found out **3y** _____. Don't you know that ...

Chorus

I heard it through the **grapevine**
 Not much longer would you be **4m** _____. Oh
 I heard it through the grapevine, Oh
 I'm just about to lose my mind.
 Honey, honey yeah.
 (Heard it through the grapevine, not much longer would you be mine baby, ooh)

I know that a man ain't supposed to **cry**,
 But these tears I can't hold **5in** _____.
 Losin' you would end my life, you **see**,
 'Cause you mean that much to **6m** _____.
 You could have told me yourself
 That you loved someone else. Instead...

Chorus

People say "believe half of what you see,
 Son, and none of what you **hear**."
 But I can't help being confused
 If it's true please tell me, **7d** _____.
 Do you plan to let me **go**
 For the other guy you loved before? Don't you **8kn** _____ that ...

Chorus



- b Match the words and phrases with their meanings.

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| 1 I bet i | a are important /special |
| 2 blue _____ | b from other people's conversation |
| 3 guy _____ | c become crazy |
| 4 found out _____ | d sad |
| 5 through the grapevine _____ | e shouldn't |
| 6 ain't supposed to _____ | f unsure |
| 7 lose my mind _____ | g It was wrong that you didn't tell me. |
| 8 mean that much _____ | h heard / discovered |
| 9 you could have told me _____ | i I'm sure |
| 10 confused _____ | j man |

SONG FACTS

I Heard It Through the Grapevine was written in 1966, and it has been a hit for many different artists. Marvin Gaye's 1968 version of the song was the most successful of all and is one of the most popular soul songs of all time.

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