

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 **1blue**
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**_____.
Lisin' 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.

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.