

Tell Them You "Heard it Through the Grapevine"

Vocabulary:

Grapevine

The grapevine is a word for gossip. Anything heard on the grapevine was learned by word of mouth.

Example: If you heard from a friend of a friend that another friend is getting married, you heard it on the grapevine.

responsible

-having an obligation to do something, or having control over or care for someone, as part of one's job or role.

Example: A responsible employee is never late.

telegraphy

-apparatus used to communicate at a distance over a wire (usually in Morse code)

rumor

-A rumor is a story which may not be true.

Example: I heard a rumor that we are going to merge with another company.

false

-Something that's false is wrong or untrue.

Example: He was jailed for providing false information.

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Some of the most exciting information comes to you by way of "the grapevine". That is, because reports received through "the grapevine" are supposed to be secret.

The American inventor Samuel F. B. Morse is responsible for the birth of the expression. He experimented with the idea of telegraphy, sending messages over a wire by electricity. Quickly, companies began to build telegraph lines from one place to another.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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