

Grammar – Reported Speech

Solomon's Wise Judgment

- a) Read the story of **Solomon's wise judgment** in **1 Kings 3:16-28**.
 b) Use your knowledge of **reported speech** to complete the account of Solomon's meeting with two prostitutes. Let's call them Gail (G) and Daphne (D).

Remember, in reported speech:

present simple / continuous	changes to...	past simple / continuous
present perfect / continuous		past perfect / continuous
past simple / continuous		past perfect / continuous
can / will / shall / must		could / would / should / had to
imperative form		infinitive clause

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| 1. | Who are you? | I asked them who they were. |
| 2. | D: My name's Daphne. | She said _____. |
| 3. | G: I'm called Gail. | _____. |
| 4. | Whose baby is it? | I demanded to know _____. |
| 5. | Both: He's mine! | They both said _____. |
| 6. | D: We've been living together for a while. | _____. |
| 7: | D: We've both just had a baby! | She said _____. |
| 8. | D: Her baby died. | Daphne said that _____. |
| 9. | G: No, it didn't! | Gail claimed _____. |
| 10. | D: You laid on it in the night! | Daphne said that Gail _____. |
| 11. | G: You're lying! | Gail said _____. |
| 12. | D: She took my baby. | Daphne claimed _____. |
| 13. | D: She put her dead baby with me. | _____. |
| 14. | G: You're talking rubbish! | Gail said _____. |
| 15. | G: This baby is mine – fair and square! | Gail declared _____. |
| 16. | D: No, he's not yours – he's mine! | Daphne said _____. |
| 17. | How can I sort out this problem? | I wondered how _____. |
| 18. | Can somebody bring me a sword? | I asked whether _____. |
| 19. | Maybe the fairest thing is to cut him in half. | I suggested _____. |
| 20. | I can give each of you half. | I said that _____. |
| 21. | D: No! Please do not kill him! | Daphne screamed and told me _____. |
| 22. | D: Gail must have him. | Daphne said _____. |
| 23. | D: Please do not hurt him! | She begged me _____. |
| 24. | G: It's better you divide him, like you said. | _____. |
| 25. | D: How can you be so cruel? | Daphne asked Gail _____. |
| 26. | (To guards:) Give the child to Daphne. | _____. |
| 27. | (To guards:) Do not kill him. | I ordered the guards _____. |
| 28. | This woman is his mother. | _____. |
| 29. | I am sure that you will take care of him. | _____. |
| 30. | D: Thank you, my Lord! | Daphne _____. |