

Grammar – Reported Speech

Solomon's Wise Judgment

Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

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