

Catherine's Grammar Explanation:

Wish + past perfect

Hi Daewon! Well done - Mark didn't take his umbrella to the park, and now he regrets it. Elena bought an expensive dress, and she regrets that too. Here's Mark:

Mark: I wish I had taken my umbrella.

Let's break that down. Mark used: **I wish**, with the **past perfect**. Now remember, the past perfect has 3 parts; a **subject**, like **I, you, he**, then **'had'** and finally, the **past participle**, for example, **take, took, taken** – **taken** is the past participle. So **'I had taken'** is past perfect.

So, when Mark says

Mark: I wish I had taken my umbrella.

he's using 'I wish', with past perfect, to talk about past regrets.

Mark regrets something that **didn't** happen – he **didn't** take his umbrella, and he wishes he had. But Elena regrets something that **did** happen: she bought an expensive dress, but she never wore it. So **she** uses I wish with **I hadn't bought** – that's a **negative** past perfect. Here she is again...

Elena: I wish I hadn't bought a rather expensive dress in the sales.

One more thing, if you're talking about **he** or **she**, don't forget to say **wishes** instead of **wish** – so if you're talking about Elena, say 'she **wishes** she hadn't bought that dress'.

Ok Daewon, good luck with your grammar challenge!