

CONDITIONALS

Fill in the gaps using the idioms in the box and also using the verbs in brackets to complete the conditional sentences.

a broken watch is right twice a day - barking up the wrong tree - backed the wrong horse - eat crow - to eat ____ words

James was always confident in his predictions, but that didn't mean he was always right. Last year, he was sure that his friend
Mike's new business idea would fail. "It's a terrible investment,"
James had said. "If you (put) money into that, you
(lose) everything." But as time went on, Mike's business
grew, and James had
Something similar happened when James placed a bet on a new
tech company, convinced it would become the next big thing.
"Trust me, this is the future," he told his friends. But when the
company went bankrupt within months, James realized he had
If he (do) better research, he
(lose) so much money.
His overconfidence didn't stop there. One day, he accused his
colleague Anna of making a huge mistake on a project. "If I
(to be) you, I (double-check)
your numbers," he told her, sure that she was wrong. However,
when the final report came in, it turned out that James had been
the one who miscalculated. He had no choice but to apologize
and
His mistakes didn't stop him from giving more opinions. He often
argued with his brother, Sam, about all sorts of things. One
evening, they were discussing an old theory about space travel.
"That idea is completely impossible!" James said. But Sam just
smiled and replied, "Maybe, but even
You never know what the future holds."
Still, James didn't always learn from his experiences. One
morning, he was convinced their neighbor had damaged his
fence. "I know it was Mr. Thompson!" he shouted. But after a quick
check, he realized the strong wind from last night's storm had
been the real cause. "You're again, James,"
Sam said with a laugh.
Perhaps one day, James would learn his lesson. But knowing him,
that day was still far away.
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