CONDITIONALS *Idioms*

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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