



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ summer's evenin',  
On a train bound for nowhere  
I met up with the gambler.  
We were both too tired to sleep.  
So we took turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom overtook us,  
He (2)\_\_\_\_\_ to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the cards were  
By the way they held their eyes.  
So if you don't mind my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of (5)\_\_\_\_\_ whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he (6)\_\_\_\_\_ down my (7)\_\_\_\_\_ swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And (8)\_\_\_\_\_ me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his (9)\_\_\_\_\_ lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna play the game, boy,  
You gotta learn to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time (13)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

The (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to survivin'  
Is knowin' (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to throw away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause (16)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a winner  
And every hand's a loser  
And the best you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned (17)\_\_\_\_\_ toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his (18)\_\_\_\_\_ words I found  
An ace that I could keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know when to run.  
You never count (22)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (25)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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### Answer

1. warm
2. began
3. what
4. taste
5. your
6. drank
7. last
8. asked
9. face
10. play
11. count
12. your
13. enough
14. secret
15. what
16. every
17. back
18. final
19. when
20. fold
21. walk
22. your
23. when
24. fold
25. never