



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a train bound for nowhere  
I met up with the gambler.  
We (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ too tired to sleep.  
So we took turns a-starin'  
Out the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ at the darkness.  
When (4)\_\_\_\_\_ overtook us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (5)\_\_\_\_\_ the (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of (8)\_\_\_\_\_ whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he drank down my last swallow.  
Then he (9)\_\_\_\_\_ a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his face (10)\_\_\_\_\_ all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You (12)\_\_\_\_\_ learn to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (14)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (15)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

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



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Answer

1. were
2. both
3. window
4. boredom
5. what
6. cards
7. taste
8. your
9. bummed
10. lost
11. play
12. gotta
13. hold
14. never
15. time
16. what
17. throw
18. your
19. faded
20. could
21. when
22. count
23. time