



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ both too (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to sleep.  
So we took turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When (4)\_\_\_\_\_ overtook us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've (5)\_\_\_\_\_ my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' what 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 taste of (6)\_\_\_\_\_ whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ him my bottle,  
and he drank down my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna play the game, boy,  
You gotta (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know (11)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You (12)\_\_\_\_\_ count your 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 secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to keep.  
'Cause (15)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a winner  
And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a loser  
And the best you can hope for  
Is to die in (17)\_\_\_\_\_ sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ off to sleep.  
And (19)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his final (20)\_\_\_\_\_ I found  
An ace that I could keep.  
You've got to know  
When to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ to (23)\_\_\_\_\_ '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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to (25)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know (26)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You (27)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (28)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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**Answer**

1. warm
2. were
3. tired
4. boredom
5. made
6. your
7. handed
8. face
9. learn
10. hold
11. when
12. never
13. enough
14. what
15. every
16. every
17. your
18. faded
19. somewhere
20. words
21. hold
22. when
23. fold
24. when
25. walk
26. when
27. never
28. time