



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom overtook us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' what the cards were  
By the way (4)\_\_\_\_\_ held their eyes.  
So if you don't (5)\_\_\_\_\_ my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a taste of your whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed 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 face lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You gotta learn to (7)\_\_\_\_\_ it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know (10)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never (11)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (12)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_ knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to throw away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause (16)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a winner  
And (17)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a loser  
And the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he (19)\_\_\_\_\_ speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The (20)\_\_\_\_\_ he broke even.  
And in his final words I found  
An ace that I could keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (21)\_\_\_\_\_ to (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know (26)\_\_\_\_\_ to (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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.



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. warm
2. took
3. turns
4. they
5. mind
6. play
7. play
8. fold
9. walk
10. when
11. count
12. time
13. every
14. gambler
15. what
16. every
17. every
18. best
19. finished
20. gambler
21. when
22. fold
23. count
24. your
25. hold
26. when
27. fold
28. when