



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a train bound for nowhere  
I met up (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the cards were  
By the way they (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_ eyes.  
So if you don't mind my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of your whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he drank (8)\_\_\_\_\_ my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the (9)\_\_\_\_\_ got deathly quiet,  
And his face lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You gotta (11)\_\_\_\_\_ to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ count (14)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 your sleep.'  
And when he (16)\_\_\_\_\_ speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And (17)\_\_\_\_\_ off to sleep.  
And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his final words I found  
An ace that I (19)\_\_\_\_\_ keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know when to run.  
You never count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (22)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You (24)\_\_\_\_\_ count (25)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (26)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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**Answer**

1. with
2. began
3. made
4. what
5. held
6. their
7. taste
8. down
9. night
10. play
11. learn
12. play
13. never
14. your
15. what
16. finished
17. faded
18. somewhere
19. could
20. when
21. walk
22. time
23. when
24. never
25. your
26. time