



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a-starin'  
Out the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ at the darkness.  
When (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ held their eyes.  
So if you don't mind 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You gotta (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to (11)\_\_\_\_\_ '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.  
Now (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to (14)\_\_\_\_\_ away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause (15)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a winner  
And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a loser  
And the best you can (17)\_\_\_\_\_ for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know (21)\_\_\_\_\_ to walk away,  
Know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You (23)\_\_\_\_\_ count (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 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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**Answer**

1. with
2. took
3. turns
4. window
5. boredom
6. they
7. gonna
8. play
9. learn
10. hold
11. fold
12. every
13. gambler
14. throw
15. every
16. every
17. hope
18. somewhere
19. gambler
20. when
21. when
22. when
23. never
24. your
25. enough