



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ summer's evenin',  
On a train bound for nowhere  
I met up (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the gambler.  
We were both too tired to sleep.  
So we took (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom overtook us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've (4)\_\_\_\_\_ my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' what the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 your whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he drank down my (6)\_\_\_\_\_ swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And (7)\_\_\_\_\_ me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his face (8)\_\_\_\_\_ all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna (9)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You (10)\_\_\_\_\_ learn to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (13)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (14)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to (16)\_\_\_\_\_ away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause every hand's a winner  
And every hand's a loser  
And the (17)\_\_\_\_\_ you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned (18)\_\_\_\_\_ toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his (19)\_\_\_\_\_ words I found  
An ace that I could 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (21)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



Answer

1. warm
2. with
3. turns
4. made
5. cards
6. last
7. asked
8. lost
9. play
10. gotta
11. fold
12. walk
13. count
14. time
15. what
16. throw
17. best
18. back
19. final
20. when
21. count

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