



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a train bound for nowhere  
I met up with the gambler.  
We were both too tired to sleep.  
So we took (1)\_\_\_\_\_ a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom (2)\_\_\_\_\_ us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 your whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ him my bottle,  
and he (5)\_\_\_\_\_ down my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his (6)\_\_\_\_\_ lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're (7)\_\_\_\_\_ play the game, boy,  
You gotta (8)\_\_\_\_\_ to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know (10)\_\_\_\_\_ to walk away,  
Know (11)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never count (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 finished speakin',  
He turned (15)\_\_\_\_\_ toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his final words I found  
An ace (17)\_\_\_\_\_ I could keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never count (19)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (20)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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**Answer**

1. turns
2. overtook
3. what
4. handed
5. drank
6. face
7. gonna
8. learn
9. fold
10. when
11. when
12. your
13. secret
14. every
15. back
16. somewhere
17. that
18. fold
19. your
20. time
21. hold
22. when
23. time