



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ turns 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' (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the cards were  
By the way (3)\_\_\_\_\_ held their eyes.  
So if you don't (4)\_\_\_\_\_ my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of your whiskey,  
I'll give you some advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he drank (6)\_\_\_\_\_ my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ got deathly quiet,  
And his (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna play the game, boy,  
You gotta (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to play 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 never count your 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' what to keep.  
'Cause every hand's a winner  
And (10)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a loser  
And the best you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned (11)\_\_\_\_\_ toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The (12)\_\_\_\_\_ he broke even.  
And in his (13)\_\_\_\_\_ words I found  
An ace that I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (16)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (18)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (20)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



Answer

1. took
2. what
3. they
4. mind
5. taste
6. down
7. night
8. face
9. learn
10. every
11. back
12. gambler
13. final
14. could
15. fold
16. never
17. time
18. enough
19. when
20. count

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