



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ too (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to  
sleep.  
So we (4)\_\_\_\_\_ turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom overtook us,  
He (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' what the cards were  
By the way they held their eyes.  
So if you don't (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 down my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And (8)\_\_\_\_\_ me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his face lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna play the game, boy,  
You gotta learn 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time (10)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every (11)\_\_\_\_\_ knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' what to keep.  
'Cause every hand's a winner  
And every hand's a loser  
And the best you can (12)\_\_\_\_\_ for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And (13)\_\_\_\_\_ he finished speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The gambler he (14)\_\_\_\_\_ even.  
And in his final words I found  
An ace that I (15)\_\_\_\_\_ keep.  
You've got to know  
When to (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 when to fold 'em  
Know (18)\_\_\_\_\_ to (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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.



Answer

1. were
2. both
3. tired
4. took
5. began
6. mind
7. taste
8. asked
9. never
10. enough
11. gambler
12. hope
13. when
14. broke
15. could
16. hold
17. never
18. when
19. walk

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