



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a train (1)\_\_\_\_\_ for nowhere  
I met up with the gambler.  
We (2)\_\_\_\_\_ both too tired to sleep.  
So we took turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom overtook us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And (5)\_\_\_\_\_ me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his face (6)\_\_\_\_\_ all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're (7)\_\_\_\_\_ play the game, boy,  
You gotta learn to (8)\_\_\_\_\_ it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know (10)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (11)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

The (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ away  
And knowin' (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to keep.  
'Cause every 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ speakin',  
He turned (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (17)\_\_\_\_\_ the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The gambler 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time (21)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (24)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



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### Answer

1. bound
2. were
3. made
4. down
5. asked
6. lost
7. gonna
8. play
9. walk
10. when
11. time
12. secret
13. throw
14. what
15. finished
16. back
17. toward
18. somewhere
19. when
20. when
21. enough
22. when
23. when
24. never