



## 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 were both too (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' what the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ were  
By the way (4)\_\_\_\_\_ held their eyes.  
So if you don't (5)\_\_\_\_\_ my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of your whiskey,  
I'll give you (7)\_\_\_\_\_ advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he drank down my last swallow.  
Then he (8)\_\_\_\_\_ a cigarette  
And (9)\_\_\_\_\_ me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his face lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the game, boy,  
You gotta learn to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (14)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (15)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every gambler knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (18)\_\_\_\_\_ toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The gambler he (19)\_\_\_\_\_ even.  
And in his final (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never (22)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time (23)\_\_\_\_\_ for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (25)\_\_\_\_\_ count (26)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. bound
2. tired
3. cards
4. they
5. mind
6. taste
7. some
8. bummed
9. asked
10. gonna
11. play
12. play
13. fold
14. count
15. time
16. what
17. turned
18. back
19. broke
20. words
21. when
22. count
23. enough
24. fold
25. never
26. your