



## 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 turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom (1)\_\_\_\_\_ us,  
He began 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 down my last swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And (5)\_\_\_\_\_ off to sleep.  
And somewhere 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to (7)\_\_\_\_\_ away,  
Know when to run.  
You never (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 when to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. overtook
2. held
3. when
4. what
5. faded
6. when
7. walk
8. count
9. walk

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