



## Fill in the gaps

### Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've (1)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very (3)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About (4)\_\_\_\_\_ theorem I'm teeming

(5)\_\_\_\_\_ a lot o' news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at (6)\_\_\_\_\_ and differential calculus

I know the scientific (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of beings animalculous

In short, in (8)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the (9)\_\_\_\_\_ of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (10)\_\_\_\_\_ chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've heard the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And (11)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can (12)\_\_\_\_\_ a (13)\_\_\_\_\_ bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"



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When I can tell at sight a Mauser (15)\_\_\_\_\_ from a  
javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What (17)\_\_\_\_\_ has been made in modern  
gunnery

When I know (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of tactics than a novice in a  
nunnery

In short, (19)\_\_\_\_\_ I've a smattering of elemental  
strategy

(Oh, that's a (20)\_\_\_\_\_ one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

(One (21)\_\_\_\_\_ time?!)

...

In fact

When I know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (23)\_\_\_\_\_ at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ more of (25)\_\_\_\_\_

(26)\_\_\_\_\_ a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of (27)\_\_\_\_\_  
strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in (28)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral

I am the (29)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General!

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### Answer

1. information
2. quote
3. well
4. binomial
5. with
6. integral
7. names
8. matters
9. crimes
10. croaking
11. whistle
12. write
13. washing
14. know
15. rifle
16. when
17. progress
18. more
19. when
20. hard
21. more
22. what
23. wary
24. know
25. tactics
26. than
27. elemental
28. matters
29. very