



## 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 information vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I know the kings of England  
And I quote the fights historical  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical  
I'm very (1)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, (2)\_\_\_\_\_ matters  
mathematical  
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical  
About binomial theorem I'm (3)\_\_\_\_\_ with a lot o'  
news  
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)  
With many cheerful facts  
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good at integral and  
(4)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus  
I know the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
beings animalculous  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our (7)\_\_\_\_\_ history  
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's  
I answer (8)\_\_\_\_\_ acrostics, I've a pretty taste for  
paradox  
I quote in (9)\_\_\_\_\_ all the crimes of  
Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels (10)\_\_\_\_\_ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the croaking 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs  
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform  
And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact  
When I know (14)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"



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

When (16)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (17)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (19)\_\_\_\_\_ of tactics

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

In short, when I've a smattering of (21)\_\_\_\_\_ strategy

(Oh, that's a hard 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

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

When such affairs as sorties

And (23)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm more wary 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 know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of elemental 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (25)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General!

...



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. well
2. with
3. teeming
4. differential
5. scientific
6. names
7. mythic
8. hard
9. elegiacs
10. from
11. know
12. whistle
13. very
14. what
15. from
16. such
17. when
18. know
19. more
20. than
21. elemental
22. only
23. surprises
24. been
25. modern