



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I (1)_____ the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I (2)_____ equations, (3)_____ the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming (4)_____ 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 integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters 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 (5)_____ for paradox

I (6)_____ in (7)_____ all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In (8)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphael's (9)_____ Gerard (10)_____ and Zoffanies

I know 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 whistle all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in (11)_____ 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 know what is (12)_____ by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (13)_____



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When such (15)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm (16)_____ 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
(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 (17)_____ and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (18)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (19)_____ Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know (20)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (21)_____ from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more (22)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (23)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ 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 (26)_____ of a modern Major-General!



Answer

Fill in the gaps

1. know
2. understand
3. both
4. with
5. taste
6. quote
7. elegiacs
8. conics
9. from
10. Dows
11. Babylonian
12. meant
13. rifle
14. from
15. affairs
16. more
17. plucky
18. matters
19. modern
20. what
21. rifle
22. wary
23. progress
24. when
25. plucky
26. model