



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very (1)_____ of a (2)_____

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 (3)_____ well acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical

I understand equations, (4)_____ the simple and
quadratical

About binomial (5)_____ I'm teeming with a lot o'
news

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

With many cheerful facts

About the (6)_____ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the (7)_____ (8)_____ of
beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (9)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

I (10)_____ 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 crimes of Heliogabalus

In (11)_____ I can (12)_____

(13)_____ parabolous

I can (14)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 very model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

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

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



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And (18)_____ 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
(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 (19)_____ 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 more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at (20)_____ a (21)_____
(22)_____ from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ a
(25)_____ 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 been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (26)_____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



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Answer

1. model
2. modern
3. very
4. both
5. theorem
6. square
7. scientific
8. names
9. very
10. know
11. conics
12. floor
13. peculiarities
14. tell
15. croaking
16. that
17. such
18. surprises
19. plucky
20. sight
21. Mauser
22. rifle
23. when
24. than
25. novice
26. very