



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very (1)_____ 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 well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news

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

With many (2)_____ facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good at (3)_____ and differential calculus

I know the scientific (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can (6)_____ peculiarities parabolous

I can (7)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (8)_____ chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell you (11)_____ 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 rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ in a nunnery

In short, (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been brought down

To the (17)_____ of the century

But still, in (18)_____ 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 sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And (19)_____ I'm (20)_____

(21)_____ at

And (22)_____ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has (23)_____ made in modern gunnery

When I (24)_____ more of tactics than a

(25)_____ in a nunnery

In short, (26)_____ 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 very model of a (27)_____ Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. cheerful
3. integral
4. names
5. hard
6. floor
7. tell
8. croaking
9. heard
10. washing
11. every
12. meant
13. wary
14. novice
15. when
16. military
17. beginning
18. matters
19. surprises
20. more
21. wary
22. when
23. been
24. know
25. novice
26. when
27. modern