



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very model of a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General  
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I know the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ with a lot o'  
news  
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)  
With many (4)\_\_\_\_\_ facts  
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good at integral and  
(5)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus  
I know the scientific names of (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_  
(8)\_\_\_\_\_ for paradox  
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels (9)\_\_\_\_\_ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I know the croaking chorus  
From The (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ Pinafore

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Then I can (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern  
Major-General

...

In fact  
When I know (16)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"



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

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

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

When I (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ sat  
a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm (21)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventurey

Has only (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 surprises I'm (24)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at

And when I (25)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never  
rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventurey

Has (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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### Answer

1. modern
2. kings
3. teeming
4. cheerful
5. differential
6. beings
7. pretty
8. taste
9. from
10. Frogs
11. whistle
12. nonsense
13. write
14. very
15. model
16. what
17. progress
18. know
19. more
20. never
21. plucky
22. been
23. brought
24. more
25. know
26. have
27. better
28. only