



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, (3)\_\_\_\_\_

(4)\_\_\_\_\_ mathematical

I understand equations, both 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 square of the hypotenuse

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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 taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is (9)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a (12)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm (13)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventure

Has (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 sight a (16)\_\_\_\_\_ rifle

(17)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin

When (18)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm (19)\_\_\_\_\_ (20)\_\_\_\_\_ at

And (21)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt

What progress has (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ in

(25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventure

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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### Answer

1. modern
2. know
3. with
4. matters
5. theorem
6. heard
7. that
8. infernal
9. meant
10. modern
11. hard
12. better
13. plucky
14. only
15. been
16. Mauser
17. from
18. such
19. more
20. wary
21. when
22. have
23. been
24. made
25. modern
26. plucky
27. modern