



## 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 kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in (2)\_\_\_\_\_ categorical

I'm very (3)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the simple and quadratical

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

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

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (5)\_\_\_\_\_ at integral and

(6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of

Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (9)\_\_\_\_\_ undoubted

Raphaels from (10)\_\_\_\_\_ Dows 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ in

(13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General

...

(One more time?!)

...

In fact

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

When I can (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General!

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### Answer

1. modern
2. order
3. well
4. both
5. good
6. differential
7. quote
8. crimes
9. tell
10. Gerard
11. washing
12. bill
13. Babylonian
14. from
15. when
16. know
17. military
18. modern
19. tell
20. have
21. very