



## Fill in the gaps

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

...

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with (2)\_\_\_\_\_

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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ names of beings

animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of a (6)\_\_\_\_\_

Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ taste for

paradox

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard (9)\_\_\_\_\_ and Zoffanies

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I know (12)\_\_\_\_\_ is (13)\_\_\_\_\_ by

"mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (14)\_\_\_\_\_ from a

javelin



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When (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (16) \_\_\_\_\_ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at  
And (17) \_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (18) \_\_\_\_\_ made in modern gunnery  
When I know (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 never sat a-gee  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only been (20) \_\_\_\_\_ down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (22) \_\_\_\_\_ of a  
(23) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 surprises I'm more wary at  
And (24) \_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has been made in (25) \_\_\_\_\_  
gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery  
In short, when I've a smattering of (26) \_\_\_\_\_  
strategy  
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!  
...  
For my (27) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 modern Major-General!  
...



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### Answer

1. know
2. matters
3. many
4. scientific
5. model
6. modern
7. pretty
8. quote
9. Dows
10. know
11. model
12. what
13. meant
14. rifle
15. such
16. affairs
17. when
18. been
19. more
20. brought
21. very
22. model
23. modern
24. when
25. modern
26. elemental
27. military