



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General  
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I know the kings of England  
And I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ historical  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical  
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical  
I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 cheerful facts  
About the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of the hypotenuse

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I'm (6)\_\_\_\_\_ good at (7)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
differential calculus  
I know the scientific (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of beings animalculous  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ all the crimes of  
Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can (10)\_\_\_\_\_ undoubted  
Raphaels (11)\_\_\_\_\_ Gerard 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

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Then I can write a washing (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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In fact  
When I know (13)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"  
When I can (14)\_\_\_\_\_ at sight a Mauser  
(15)\_\_\_\_\_ from a javelin



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

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And surprises I'm more wary 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 novice in a nunnery  
In short, when I've a smattering of (17) \_\_\_\_\_  
strategy  
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)  
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee  
...  
For my (18) \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge  
Though I'm (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and adventure  
Has (20) \_\_\_\_\_ 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  
...  
(One more time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I know (21) \_\_\_\_\_ is (22) \_\_\_\_\_ by  
"mamelon" and "ravelin"  
When I can tell at (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a Mauser  
(24) \_\_\_\_\_ from a javelin  
When such (25) \_\_\_\_\_ as sorties  
And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (26) \_\_\_\_\_ (27) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 modern Major-General!  
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### Answer

1. very
2. quote
3. fights
4. understand
5. square
6. very
7. integral
8. names
9. elegiacs
10. tell
11. from
12. bill
13. what
14. tell
15. rifle
16. affairs
17. elemental
18. military
19. plucky
20. only
21. what
22. meant
23. sight
24. rifle
25. affairs
26. been
27. made