



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very (1)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ facts  
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good 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

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I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ our mythic history  
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's  
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (8)\_\_\_\_\_ taste for  
paradox  
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In (9)\_\_\_\_\_ I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels from Gerard (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ nonsense  
Pinafore

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Then I can (13)\_\_\_\_\_ a washing bill in  
(14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"



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

When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm (16)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has been made in (17)\_\_\_\_\_  
gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General  
...  
(One (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never  
rode a horse!  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only been brought down  
To the (27)\_\_\_\_\_ of the century  
But still, in (28)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!  
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### Answer

1. model
2. know
3. well
4. understand
5. cheerful
6. differential
7. know
8. pretty
9. conics
10. Dows
11. that
12. infernal
13. write
14. Babylonic
15. know
16. more
17. modern
18. novice
19. military
20. brought
21. very
22. more
23. more
24. know
25. been
26. better
27. beginning
28. matters