



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've (1)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

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

And I quote the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very (4)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ taste for paradox

I quote in (9)\_\_\_\_\_ all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In (10)\_\_\_\_\_ I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can (13)\_\_\_\_\_ a washing (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ what is (16)\_\_\_\_\_ by



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When I can tell at (17)\_\_\_\_\_ a Mauser

(18)\_\_\_\_\_ from a javelin

When (19)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 elemental strategy

(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has (21)\_\_\_\_\_ sat

a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

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

When (23)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties

And (24)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm more wary at

And when I (25)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in (26)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has

(28)\_\_\_\_\_ rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been brought down

To the (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. information
2. know
3. fights
4. well
5. both
6. know
7. matters
8. pretty
9. elegiacs
10. conics
11. from
12. that
13. write
14. bill
15. know
16. meant
17. sight
18. rifle
19. such
20. wary
21. never
22. only
23. such
24. surprises
25. know
26. modern
27. better
28. never
29. beginning