



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (5)\_\_\_\_\_ at (6)\_\_\_\_\_ and differential calculus

I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can (8)\_\_\_\_\_

(9)\_\_\_\_\_ parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard (10)\_\_\_\_\_ and Zoffanies

I know the (11)\_\_\_\_\_ chorus

From The (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a (14)\_\_\_\_\_ bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 from a javelin

When (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (17)\_\_\_\_\_ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ I (19)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely

What is (20)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

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 very model of a modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know (23)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (27)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General!

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### Answer

1. model
2. information
3. simple
4. square
5. good
6. integral
7. know
8. floor
9. peculiarities
10. Dows
11. croaking
12. Frogs
13. whistle
14. washing
15. tell
16. such
17. affairs
18. when
19. know
20. meant
21. made
22. better
23. what
24. from
25. when
26. matters
27. modern