



## 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 information 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 (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
mathematical  
I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ equations, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
simple and quadratical  
About binomial theorem I'm (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with a lot o'  
news  
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)  
With (5) \_\_\_\_\_ cheerful facts  
About the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good at integral and differential 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 know our mythic history  
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's  
I answer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ acrostics, I've a (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
taste for paradox  
I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I know the croaking chorus  
From The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform  
And tell you (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Caractacus's uniform  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General

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In fact  
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (15) \_\_\_\_\_  
(16) \_\_\_\_\_ a javelin



When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is (17)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I (18)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt  
What progress has been made in modern gunnery  
When I (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 never sat a-gee  
...  
For my (20)\_\_\_\_\_ knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only (21)\_\_\_\_\_ brought down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ model 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a Mauser rifle  
(25)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin  
When such affairs as sorties  
And surprises I'm (26)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (27)\_\_\_\_\_ made in modern gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery  
In short, when I've a smattering of (28)\_\_\_\_\_  
strategy  
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. matters
2. understand
3. both
4. teeming
5. many
6. square
7. hard
8. pretty
9. quote
10. Frogs
11. nonsense
12. every
13. detail
14. model
15. rifle
16. from
17. meant
18. have
19. know
20. military
21. been
22. very
23. modern
24. sight
25. from
26. more
27. been
28. elemental
29. only