



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 (1)_____ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm (2)_____ well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ good at (5)_____ and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (6)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

I (7)_____ 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 floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from (8)_____ Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The (9)_____ 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

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And (10)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (11)_____ 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 such (12)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm (13)_____ wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has (14)_____ made in modern gunnery

When I know (15)_____ of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of (16)_____ strategy

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

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm (17)_____ 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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(One more time?!)

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In fact

When I know what is (18)_____ 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 more wary at

And (19)_____ I know precisely

What is (20)_____ by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has (21)_____ made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventure

Has only (24)_____ brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (25)_____ (26)_____ of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. fights
2. very
3. binomial
4. very
5. integral
6. model
7. know
8. Gerard
9. Frogs
10. tell
11. modern
12. affairs
13. more
14. been
15. more
16. elemental
17. plucky
18. meant
19. when
20. meant
21. been
22. than
23. military
24. been
25. very
26. model