



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of England

And I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

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

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a lot o'

news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With (4)\_\_\_\_\_ cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

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

I know the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ names of beings  
animalculous

In short, in (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 pretty (9)\_\_\_\_\_ for  
paradox

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the (11)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 that infernal (14)\_\_\_\_\_ Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (15)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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In fact

When I know what is (16)\_\_\_\_\_ by "mamelon" and



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

When (18)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has (21)\_\_\_\_\_ been brought down

To the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy

You'll say a (25)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm (26)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventury

Has (27)\_\_\_\_\_ been brought down

To the (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of the century

But still, in (29)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (30)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General!

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### Answer

1. know
2. quote
3. with
4. many
5. very
6. integral
7. scientific
8. matters
9. taste
10. quote
11. crimes
12. know
13. croaking
14. nonsense
15. matters
16. meant
17. sight
18. such
19. novice
20. better
21. only
22. beginning
23. have
24. know
25. better
26. plucky
27. only
28. beginning
29. matters
30. very