



## 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 matters mathematical  
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical  
About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news  
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

...

I'm very good at integral and  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus  
I know the scientific names of (3)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ acrostics, I've a pretty taste for  
paradox  
I quote in (5)\_\_\_\_\_ all the (6)\_\_\_\_\_  
of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can (7)\_\_\_\_\_ undoubted  
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I know the croaking chorus  
From The Frogs of Aristophanes  
Then I can hum a fugue  
Of (8)\_\_\_\_\_ I've heard the music's din afore  
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

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Then I can write a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ bill in  
(10)\_\_\_\_\_ cuneiform  
And (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"  
When I can tell at (12)\_\_\_\_\_ a Mauser rifle from a  
javelin



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And surprises I'm (13)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And (14)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has been (15)\_\_\_\_\_ in modern gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery  
In short, (16)\_\_\_\_\_ I've a (17)\_\_\_\_\_  
of elemental strategy  
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)  
You'll say a better Major-General has (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General  
...  
(One more time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt  
What progress has (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventury  
Has (26)\_\_\_\_\_ been brought down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in (27)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral  
I am the very model of a (28)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General!  
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**Answer**

1. many
2. differential
3. beings
4. hard
5. elegiacs
6. crimes
7. tell
8. which
9. washing
10. Babylonian
11. tell
12. sight
13. more
14. when
15. made
16. when
17. smattering
18. never
19. matters
20. know
21. what
22. know
23. have
24. been
25. plucky
26. only
27. matters
28. modern