



## Fill in the gaps

### Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General  
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of England  
And I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the fights historical  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (4)\_\_\_\_\_ categorical  
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical  
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical  
About (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 very (6)\_\_\_\_\_ at integral and differential calculus  
I know the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ names of  
(8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 hard acrostics, I've a pretty (9)\_\_\_\_\_ for  
paradox  
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In (10)\_\_\_\_\_ I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I know the croaking 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs  
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform  
And tell 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 sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin  
When such (12)\_\_\_\_\_ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is (13)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt  
What progress has been made in modern gunnery  
When I know (15)\_\_\_\_\_ of (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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For my (17)\_\_\_\_\_ knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only been brought down  
To the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very (19)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

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In fact  
When I know what is (20)\_\_\_\_\_ by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a (21)\_\_\_\_\_  
(22)\_\_\_\_\_ from a javelin  
When such affairs as sorties  
And surprises I'm more (23)\_\_\_\_\_ at  
And when I know precisely  
What is (24)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has been made in (25)\_\_\_\_\_  
gunnery  
When I know more of (26)\_\_\_\_\_ than a novice in  
a nunnery  
In short, (27)\_\_\_\_\_ I've a smattering of elemental  
strategy  
You'll say a better Major-General has never (28)\_\_\_\_\_ a  
horse!

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For my military knowledge  
Though I'm (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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### Answer

1. modern
2. know
3. quote
4. order
5. binomial
6. good
7. scientific
8. beings
9. taste
10. conics
11. whistle
12. affairs
13. meant
14. have
15. more
16. tactics
17. military
18. beginning
19. model
20. meant
21. Mauser
22. rifle
23. wary
24. meant
25. modern
26. tactics
27. when
28. rode
29. plucky