



## Fill in the gaps

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

...

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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ equations, both the simple and  
quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news

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

With (2)\_\_\_\_\_ cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and

(3)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern  
Major-General

...

I know our (6)\_\_\_\_\_ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From that (10)\_\_\_\_\_ nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing (11)\_\_\_\_\_ in

(12)\_\_\_\_\_ cuneiform

And (13)\_\_\_\_\_ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ (16)\_\_\_\_\_ in

(17)\_\_\_\_\_ gunnery

When I (18)\_\_\_\_\_ more of (19)\_\_\_\_\_ than a  
novice in a nunnery

In short, (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 military knowledge

Though I'm plucky 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What (25)\_\_\_\_\_ has been 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never  
(27)\_\_\_\_\_ a horse!

...

For my (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. understand
2. many
3. differential
4. very
5. model
6. mythic
7. answer
8. tell
9. heard
10. infernal
11. bill
12. Babylonian
13. tell
14. modern
15. been
16. made
17. modern
18. know
19. tactics
20. when
21. modern
22. know
23. such
24. affairs
25. progress
26. better
27. rode
28. military
29. only