



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very (1)\_\_\_\_\_ of a (2)\_\_\_\_\_  
Major-General

I've (3)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral

I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very (5)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, with matters  
mathematical

I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ equations, both the simple and  
quadratical

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

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

With many (7)\_\_\_\_\_ facts

About the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and  
(9)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ undoubted

Raphaels from (11)\_\_\_\_\_ Dows and Zoffanies

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the croaking chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (15)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin



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And surprises I'm (16)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I (17)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has been (18)\_\_\_\_\_ in  
(19)\_\_\_\_\_ gunnery  
When I know more of tactics 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ sat  
a-gee  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
...  
(One more time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I know (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely  
What is (25)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt  
What (27)\_\_\_\_\_ has been made in modern  
gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (29)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General!  
...



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### Answer

1. model
2. modern
3. information
4. know
5. well
6. understand
7. cheerful
8. square
9. differential
10. tell
11. Gerard
12. know
13. which
14. what
15. from
16. more
17. know
18. made
19. modern
20. when
21. never
22. been
23. what
24. when
25. meant
26. have
27. progress
28. novice
29. model