



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ at integral and differential calculus  
I know the scientific (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of beings animalculous  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ our (6)\_\_\_\_\_ history  
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's  
I answer (7)\_\_\_\_\_ acrostics, I've a pretty (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
for paradox  
I quote in elegiacs all the (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the music's din afore  
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)  
And whistle all the airs  
From that (12)\_\_\_\_\_ nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 from a javelin  
When such affairs as sorties

And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm (16)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What (17)\_\_\_\_\_ has been made in modern  
gunnery  
When I know more of tactics (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

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In fact  
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a (20)\_\_\_\_\_ rifle from a  
javelin  
When (21)\_\_\_\_\_ affairs as sorties  
And (22)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm more wary at  
And when I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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!

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For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only been brought down  
To the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ of the century  
But still, in (25)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and  
mineral  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!

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**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. very
2. binomial
3. good
4. names
5. know
6. mythic
7. hard
8. taste
9. crimes
10. conics
11. heard
12. infernal
13. bill
14. what
15. surprises
16. more
17. progress
18. than
19. military
20. Mauser
21. such
22. surprises
23. know
24. beginning
25. matters