



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ equations, both the  
(3)\_\_\_\_\_ and quadratical  
About binomial 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 good at integral and differential calculus  
I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the scientific names of beings animalculous  
In short, in (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for  
paradox  
I quote in elegiacs all the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
(9)\_\_\_\_\_ parabolous  
I can (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ of Caractacus's  
uniform  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ rifle from a  
javelin



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And surprises I'm (15)\_\_\_\_\_ wary at  
And when I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
(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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventure  
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  
...  
(One more time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I (20)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (21)\_\_\_\_\_ from a  
javelin  
When such affairs as sorties  
And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is (22)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ learnt  
What (24)\_\_\_\_\_ has been made in modern  
gunnery  
When I know (25)\_\_\_\_\_ of tactics than a  
(26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 adventure  
Has only been (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. model
2. understand
3. simple
4. know
5. matters
6. answer
7. crimes
8. floor
9. peculiarities
10. tell
11. whistle
12. detail
13. model
14. Mauser
15. more
16. know
17. progress
18. never
19. plucky
20. know
21. rifle
22. meant
23. have
24. progress
25. more
26. novice
27. brought