



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the (1)_____ of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in (2)_____ categorical

I'm very (3)_____ acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming (4)_____ 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 know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels (7)_____ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I (8)_____ 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 (10)_____ all the airs

From (11)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in (12)_____ cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (13)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

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 surprises I'm (15)_____ wary at

And when I know 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, (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (18)_____ of a (19)_____ Major-General

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is (20)_____ by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can (21)_____ at (22)_____ a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (23)_____ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been (24)_____ in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a (25)_____ in a nunnery

In short, when I've a (26)_____ 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 (27)_____ of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. kings
2. order
3. well
4. with
5. modern
6. elegiacs
7. from
8. know
9. heard
10. whistle
11. that
12. Babylonian
13. very
14. what
15. more
16. when
17. been
18. model
19. modern
20. meant
21. tell
22. sight
23. when
24. made
25. novice
26. smattering
27. model