



## Fill in the gaps

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

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

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very (5)\_\_\_\_\_ acquainted, too, (6)\_\_\_\_\_ matters  
mathematical

I understand equations, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the simple and  
quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm (8)\_\_\_\_\_ with a lot o'  
news

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

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General

...

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the music's din afore

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

And whistle all the airs

From (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_ nonsense

Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in (15)\_\_\_\_\_  
cuneiform

And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (17)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General

...

In fact

When I know (18)\_\_\_\_\_ is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"



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

When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 modern Major-General  
...  
(One more time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I (21)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 been (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_  
(25)\_\_\_\_\_ a horse!  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm (26)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventury  
Has (27)\_\_\_\_\_ been brought down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of a (29)\_\_\_\_\_  
Major-General!  
...



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### Answer

1. very
2. model
3. modern
4. fights
5. well
6. with
7. both
8. teeming
9. modern
10. know
11. conics
12. heard
13. that
14. infernal
15. Babylonian
16. tell
17. modern
18. what
19. been
20. better
21. know
22. Mauser
23. made
24. never
25. rode
26. plucky
27. only
28. model
29. modern