



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (3)\_\_\_\_\_ matters

mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial (4)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm teeming with a lot o'

news

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

With (5)\_\_\_\_\_ cheerful facts

About the (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of (8)\_\_\_\_\_

animalculous

In short, in (9)\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable, animal, and

mineral

I am the (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics 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 heard the music's din afore

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

And (13)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

...

In fact

When I know what 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ I (17)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has (18)\_\_\_\_\_ made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics (19)\_\_\_\_\_ a novice in a  
nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of (20)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ what is meant by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ has been (25)\_\_\_\_\_ in  
modern gunnery

When I know (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General!

...



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**Answer**

1. very
2. information
3. with
4. theorem
5. many
6. square
7. names
8. beings
9. matters
10. very
11. model
12. quote
13. whistle
14. washing
15. bill
16. when
17. know
18. been
19. than
20. elemental
21. been
22. know
23. rifle
24. progress
25. made
26. more
27. rode
28. model