



## Fill in the gaps

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

...

I am the very model of a modern Major-General  
I've (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the simple 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  
...

I'm very good at (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and (4)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus  
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ model 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 quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous  
I can (6)\_\_\_\_\_ undoubted  
Raphaels (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ all the airs  
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore  
...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform  
And (9)\_\_\_\_\_ you every (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of Caractacus's uniform  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ strategy  
(Oh, that's a (16)\_\_\_\_\_ one, strategy... Got it!)  
You'll say a (17)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has (18)\_\_\_\_\_ sat a-gee  
...

For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only (19)\_\_\_\_\_ brought down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very (20)\_\_\_\_\_ of a modern Major-General  
...

(One more time?!)  
...

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  
And (21)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm more wary at  
And (22)\_\_\_\_\_ I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ precisely  
What is meant by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (24)\_\_\_\_\_ made in modern gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ and adventury  
Has only been brought down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (27)\_\_\_\_\_ (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
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### Answer

1. information
2. both
3. integral
4. differential
5. very
6. tell
7. from
8. whistle
9. tell
10. detail
11. very
12. model
13. know
14. progress
15. elemental
16. hard
17. better
18. never
19. been
20. model
21. surprises
22. when
23. know
24. been
25. novice
26. plucky
27. very
28. model