



## 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 kings of England  
And I quote the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ historical  
From (2)\_\_\_\_\_ to Waterloo, in order  
categorical  
I'm very well acquainted, too, (3)\_\_\_\_\_ matters  
mathematical  
I understand equations, both 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

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I'm (4)\_\_\_\_\_ good at (5)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
(6)\_\_\_\_\_ calculus  
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous  
In short, in matters 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 answer hard acrostics, I've a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ taste for  
paradox  
I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus  
In conics I can (9)\_\_\_\_\_ peculiarities parabolous  
I can tell undoubted  
Raphaels from (10)\_\_\_\_\_ Dows and Zoffanies  
I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 whistle all the airs  
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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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  
(15)\_\_\_\_\_ a javelin



When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at  
And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ I know precisely  
What is (17)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (18)\_\_\_\_\_ made in  
(19)\_\_\_\_\_ gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than 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 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ as sorties  
And surprises I'm more wary at  
And when I know precisely  
What is (23)\_\_\_\_\_ by "commissariat"  
When I have learnt  
What progress has (24)\_\_\_\_\_ made in  
(25)\_\_\_\_\_ gunnery  
When I know (26)\_\_\_\_\_ of tactics than a novice in a  
nunnery  
In short, when I've a (27)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
elemental strategy  
You'll say a (28)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never  
rode a horse!  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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!  
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**Answer**

1. fights
2. Marathon
3. with
4. very
5. integral
6. differential
7. pretty
8. quote
9. floor
10. Gerard
11. know
12. croaking
13. bill
14. Mauser
15. from
16. when
17. meant
18. been
19. modern
20. elemental
21. more
22. affairs
23. meant
24. been
25. modern
26. more
27. smattering
28. better
29. plucky