



## Fill in the gaps

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

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I am the very model of a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ Major-General  
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I know the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of England  
And I quote the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ historical  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical  
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical  
I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ equations, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ the  
simple and quadratical  
About (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 very good at integral and differential calculus  
I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ the scientific names of beings animalculous  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (9)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
Major-General

...

I know our mythic history  
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's  
I answer (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 tell undoubted  
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies  
I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the croaking chorus  
From The Frogs of Aristophanes  
Then I can hum a fugue  
Of (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

...

Then I can write a washing bill in (14)\_\_\_\_\_  
cuneiform  
And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact  
When I know what is (17)\_\_\_\_\_ by "mamelon" and  
"ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a (18)\_\_\_\_\_ rifle



(19) \_\_\_\_\_ a javelin

When (20) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 been made in modern gunnery  
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery  
In short, when I've a (21) \_\_\_\_\_ of  
elemental strategy  
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)  
You'll say a (22) \_\_\_\_\_ Major-General has never sat  
a-gee  
...  
For my military knowledge  
Though I'm plucky and adventury  
Has only (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (24) \_\_\_\_\_ down  
To the beginning of the century  
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral  
I am the very model of a (25) \_\_\_\_\_ Major-General  
...  
(One (26) \_\_\_\_\_ time?!)  
...  
In fact  
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"  
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (27) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 made in modern gunnery  
When I know (28) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 model of a modern Major-General!  
...



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### Answer

1. modern
2. kings
3. fights
4. understand
5. both
6. binomial
7. theorem
8. know
9. very
10. modern
11. hard
12. know
13. which
14. Babylonian
15. tell
16. very
17. meant
18. Mauser
19. from
20. such
21. smattering
22. better
23. been
24. brought
25. modern
26. more
27. rifle
28. more