The writing tips in your Oxford English Thesaurus for Schools suggest words for creative writing. Look at the writing tips for fantasy. Fantasy fiction is full of strange and magical characters and settings e.g. witches, wizards, giants, and unicorns, castles, caves, and labyrinths.

1. Below is the first page of a fantasy story: The Chronicle of the Covenant. Find and underline the 25 words that have been used from the writing tips for fantasy.

The Chronicle of the Covenant

It was the Hour of the Magus. The sorcerer Lexis had failed to halt the power of the Warlocks. Shreen knew that The Time of the Shadows would soon engulf the world.

Shreen had once been the apprentice to the druid and shape-shifter Lexis. Lexis could escape his enemies by changing his anatomy merely by thought. Lexis was transformed from dwarf to dragon, sphinx to unicorn in an instant. With each shape he would assume new powers. It was shape shifting that allowed Lexis to defeat the giant of the underworld, Phiseus in his Chamber of Labyrinths. At one time, Shreen and Lexis had both travelled for weeks through the maze of caverns in Phiseus’s fortress stronghold, before entering the centre of his evil realm. During their travels they had been concealed by charmed amulets whose magic granted the wearer invisibility, but they also had the protection the spirit guide, Imagus, who had sacrificed himself to solve the Riddle of the Crucible. Their quest had been foretold in the Prophecy of the Runes. Now this had been fulfilled, Lexis had been killed, and Shreen must act alone.

2. Now write the words you have underlined in the correct boxes:

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