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Example Answer	'undertakers'	1
	These are professionals who prepare a body for a funeral, and who carry out the funeral, so the effect is to associate the men with death and to suggest that the 'oblong box' is a coffin.	2
	'spectral'	1
	This means 'ghostly', but the unusualness of the word creates more of a sense of mystery, as if the world in which the men are travelling is not quite the everyday, real world, and as if there is a threat of death.	2
Total:		6

Guidance	<p>Choose two words that are unusual enough for you to comment on interestingly, but be sure that you know what they mean and can say something insightful about them.</p> <p>To some extent, this is a matter of personal interpretation, but your interpretation has to be based on an understanding of the words.</p>
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Marking	<p>There are 6 marks available. You will be awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mark for each well-chosen word • 1 mark for demonstrating that you correctly understand the meaning of each word • 1 mark for a well-considered comment on the <i>effect</i> of each word on the reader. <p>If you give a simple explanation of the word, rather than exploring its effect in the context of the sentence, you will only earn the first and second marks.</p>
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Top Tip	<p>If you are asked about 'effect', it is an invitation to give your interpretation based on an understanding of meaning. Think about why the author might have chosen that particular word, any associations the word might have, and the image that it helps to create.</p>
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