Eventually the ________________ dynasty was overthrown by the ________________ family. They believed they had a right to rule according to the ________________ ________________. They believed if they ruled well over the land, they earned the support of ________________. Under the Zhou dynasty, China was ruled by a system called ________________. Under this system, ________________ owned the land which was worked on by the ________________ ________________ and peasants. They would pay the ________________ a portion of what the peasants ________________ and keep the rest for themselves. Farmers did not ________________ their farms. Land was broken up into small ________________. Each plot of land was owned by a ________________. Nobles might own many ________________, but each plot was a ________________ unit that consisted of a walled ________________ and the farmland ________________ it. In exchange for working all the time, the peasants got to ________________ some of the food they produced. If they were caught hoarding ________________ food to feed their families, they were ________________. Over ________________ feudal states with their own government existed during this time. Trade and ________________ occurred often between the states and a need for ________________ people arose. ________________ became more common and ________________. Because of the geographical features of ________________, many villages were ________________ from each other. As a result of this isolation,
different ________________ came to be spoken. People ____________ their own dialect and could not ________________ the meaning of someone from another ________________. However, the Zhou developed a writing ________________ that used pictures or ________________ to stand for whole ________________. That way, no matter how a word was ________________ in different parts of ________________, it could be understood everywhere. Standardizing ________________ was huge. Writing helped ________________ the barriers created by China's ________________. It helped to ________________ the people and spread China's ________________ throughout the ________________. 