2 Look at the definition below of a word variable or synonym. Then think of a word variable for each of the twelve words in the list underneath. Write the word variable on the line beside the word. The first one has been done for you as an example.

A **word variable**, or **synonym**, is a word that has the same, or nearly the same meaning, as another word. For example, **purchase** is a word variable for **buy**.

① consumer (n)	customer	⑦ gradually (adv)	s_____
② research (n)	s_____	⑧ quickly (adv)	f_____
③ connect (v)	j_____	⑨ disease (n)	i_____
④ discover (v)	f_____	⑩ remain (v)	s_____
⑤ ancient (adj)	o_____	⑪ enormous (adj)	h_____
⑥ various (adj)	d_____	⑫ create (v)	m_____

3 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with suitable words from the words listed in Activity 2. Put one word in each gap. The first one has been done for you as an example.

a If you suffer from heart *disease*, you must be careful to eat a healthy diet.

b Frankincense was used thousands of years ago in temple rituals in _____ Egypt.

c He took a long time to recover from the accident, but _____ he got better.

d If you _____ these two wires together, the machine will work.

e Louis Pasteur was the first scientist to _____ a way to stop milk turning sour.

f Scientists need to do more _____ before they can send a human being to Mars.

4 Complete the words in the puzzle. All the words can be found in this unit.

Across

1 enthusiasm for something
2 someone who buys a product or service
3 impossible to control
4 someone who is over-dependent on something
5 something that makes you feel better
6 having plenty of money
7 affect in a negative way

Down

A person who loves shopping too much!

