**Hanif Kureishi: The Decline of the West**

**Pre-reading**

1. Match words and definitions:

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| salary | a sum of money owed to somebody |
| mortgage | to dismiss somebody from a job |
| interest | a fixed regular payment to employees |
| debt [det] | an advantage that something gives |
| unemployment benefit | money charged for borrowing money |
| to sack | the state of expecting or hoping |
| expectancy | a sum of money lent by a bank, e.g. for buying a house or a property |
| benefit | money paid by the State or a union to a worker who cannot find employment |

**Preparation**

1. Complete the table below with the correct noun or adjective forms as well as a term which means the opposite of the adjective using a prefix (e.g. *dis*-, *in*-, *im*-, *il*-, *un*-):

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| **Noun** | **Adjective** | **Opposite of adjective** |
|  | loyal |  |
| affection |  |  |
|  | considerate |  |
| support |  |  |
|  | amiable |  |
| respect |  |  |