



A Family Business

Can a husband and wife work together? Many people think a couple shouldn't be partners in work and in marriage, but Geoffrey and Margaret Zakarian weren't afraid to try. Geoffrey was already a chef and restaurant owner when he met Margaret, a marketing expert and businesswoman. They fell in love, got engaged and got married. They also became business partners.

Over the years, they opened several elegant restaurants in the US and even in Dubai. They produced a popular cooking reality TV show and wrote a cookbook together. They also sell Zakarian kitchen products and food items online.

Geoffrey and Margaret's business is a success and they are each good at what they do. Geoffrey plans and prepares the food, while Margaret works on the details and design of the restaurants. According to the Zakarians, customers want good food, but the most important part of a restaurant is the experience, such as beautiful tables and excellent service.

Geoffrey and Margaret are also caring and patient parents. They make time for healthy family meals with their daughters, Madeline and Anna, and their son, George. Their children help in the kitchen, and Madeline and Anna even wrote a cookbook called *The Family That Cooks Together*, with the family's favourite recipes. Not every family business is a success, but the Zakarians show it can be.

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Read the article. Then tick (✓) the sentences T (true) or F (false). (10 points)

	T	F
1. Geoffrey and Margaret are husband and wife.		
2. The Zakarians opened several restaurants.		
3. Geoffrey and Margaret have the same responsibilities at work.		
4. Each person in the Zakarian family eats alone.		
5. The Zakarian children help in the kitchen.		

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Match the questions in A to the answers in B. (10 points)

A	B
1. Who is Geoffrey Zakarian's business partner?	... a. the daughters
2. What is Geoffrey responsible for in the business?	... b. the food
3. What is the most important part of eating in a restaurant?	... c. his wife
4. How many children do the Zakarians have?	... d. the experience
5. Who wrote the cookbook with family recipes?	... e. three

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