



The main parts of your braces are the little doodads that are attached to the teeth. These are called BRACKETS. Most of the time the BRACKETS are stuck directly to the teeth through a process called bonding. Some of the BRACKETS have HOOKS for rubber bands.

Sometimes, not always, a metal BAND will be wrapped around the tooth. This just one more way to attach a doodad to the tooth.

Attached to the BRACKETS is the WIRE. Sometimes called an ARCHWIRE. This is the part that actually causes tooth movement.

The WIRE is fixed to the BRACKET by a LI GATURE. Most of the time the LI GATURE is a little plastic ring and it often comes in pretty colors. Sometimes the LI GATURE will be a thin strand of wire that is twisted around the BRACKET into a little PI GTAIL.

Sometimes the plastic LI GATURES are hooked together into a strand. Most people call this a CHAIN.

If you need to call us with a problem, try to use these terms. It will help us to better help you.