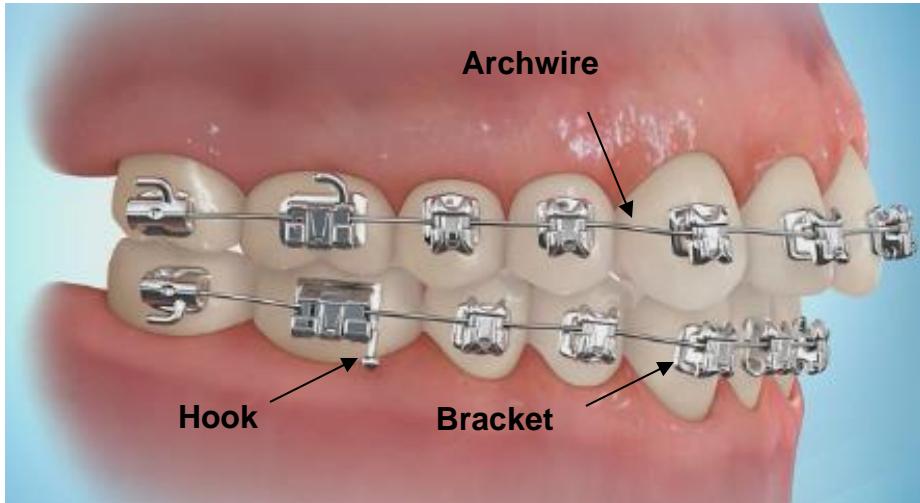


## The Different Parts of Braces



- **Hook**: Hooks are small attachments on the brackets used to attach elastics (rubber bands). Some patients will start using them at the beginning of treatment, some will start later into treatment.
- **Archwire**: The main wires, or archwires, are shaped specifically to fit around the arch into the bracket slots. Teeth move from the pressure that is applied by the braces. That pressure comes from the archwire, which guides the direction of movement.
- **Bracket**: The bracket holds the archwire against each tooth with the help of the door. Brackets are bonded to each tooth by using light activated cement.

