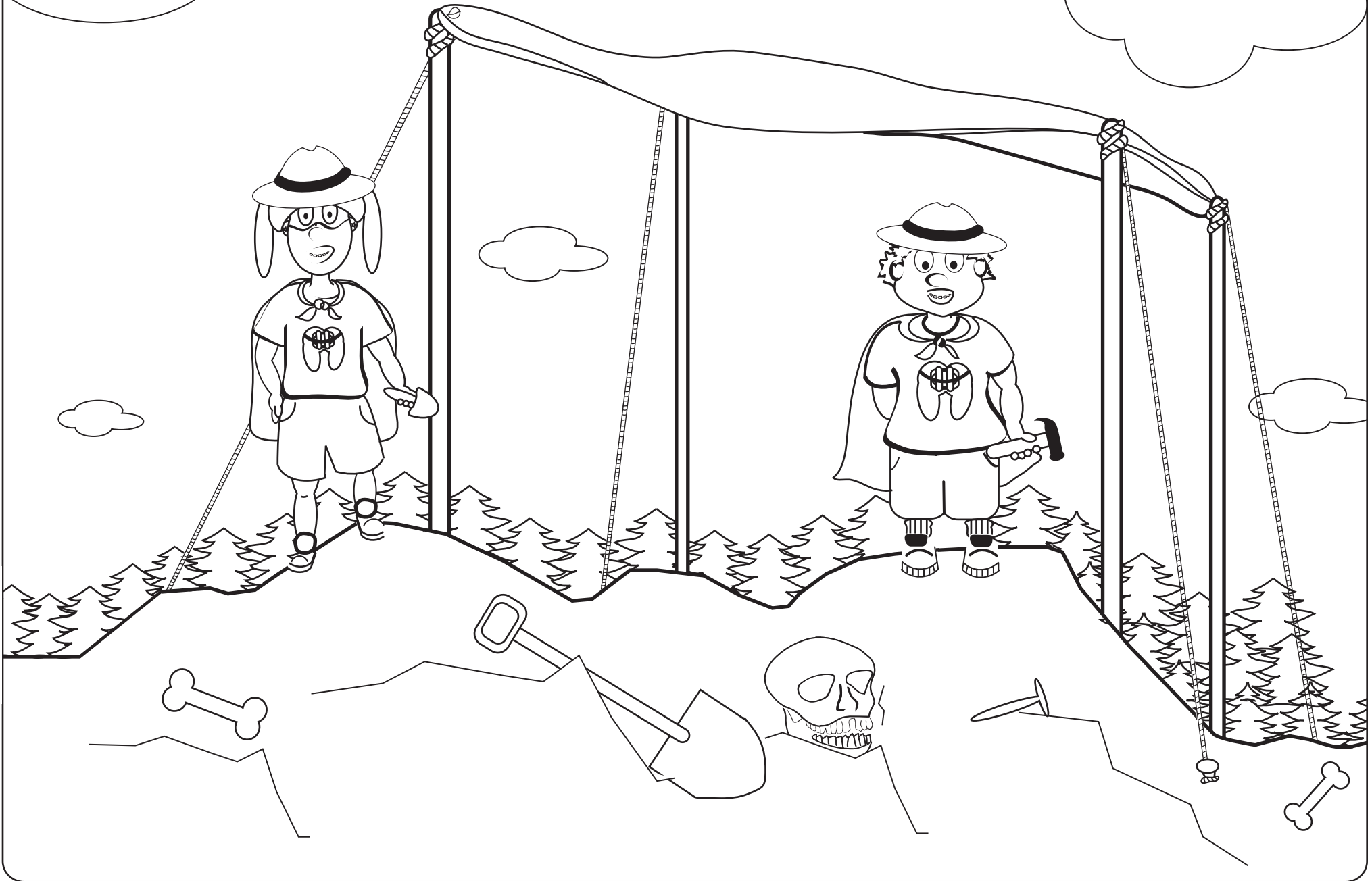


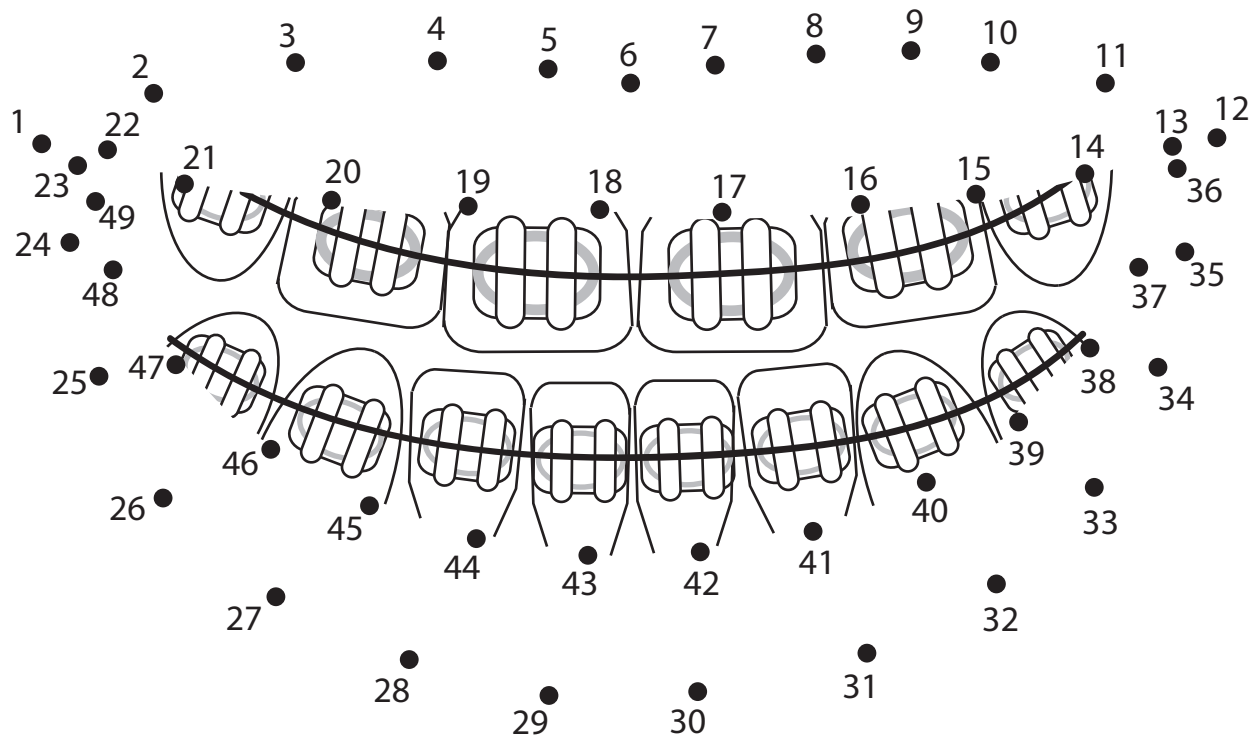
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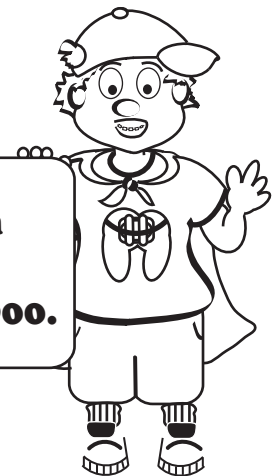
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# Connect the dots for a smile that's good for life!

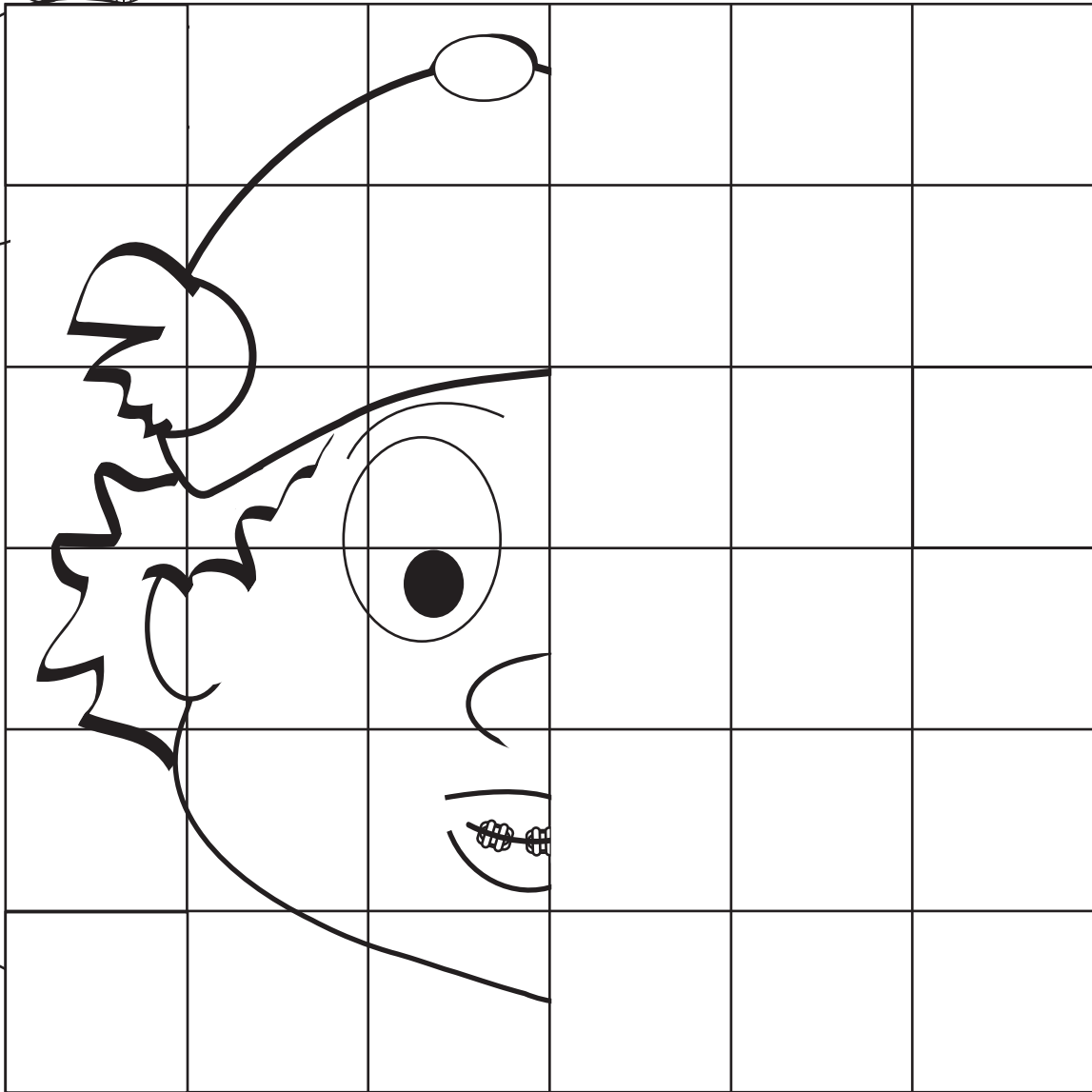


**Orthodontists have been straightening teeth  
for more than 100 years. Orthodontics was  
established as the first dental specialty in 1900.**





**Most orthodontic patients begin treatment between the ages of 9 and 14.**



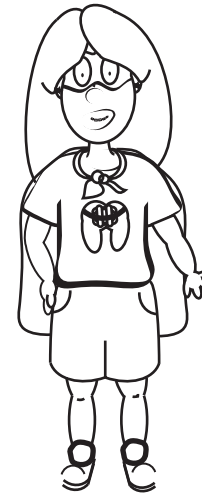
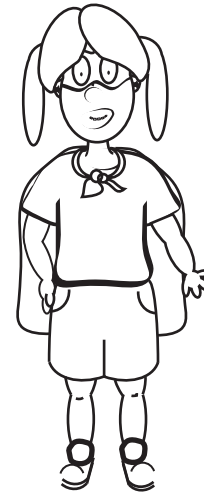
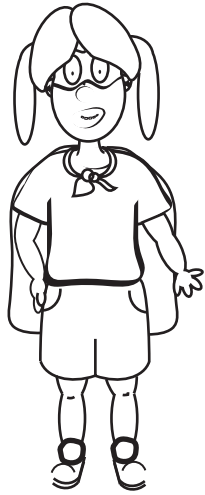
**Finish the drawing.**



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## Find the matching pairs.



The first toothbrushes were made in China in 1498.



# What is an Orthodontist?

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT AN ORTHODONTIST IS!

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- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist graduates from dental school before going to orthodontic school.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist must successfully complete a minimum of two years of advanced, specialty education in orthodontics.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist corrects bad bites in children, teens and adults.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist wants patients to avoid hard, sticky, crunchy and chewy foods during orthodontic treatment.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist works with patients to create healthy, beautiful smiles.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist is a uniquely trained expert in dentistry who straightens teeth and aligns jaws.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist studies x-rays, models of the mouth and photographs to help understand what's wrong with a patient's teeth and jaws and to decide how to fix them.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist takes continuing education courses to stay current on advances in orthodontic treatment.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist can detect problems in young patients even if the patients have some baby teeth.
- TRUE FALSE** An orthodontist makes upper and lower teeth fit together properly.
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# Braces need brushing too!



R	L	K	J	W	N	H	Z	P	D	Q	G
E	S	I	O	M	T	Y	C	I	B	U	A
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R	W	A	X	O	V	R	A	B	I	T	E
Z	B	R	A	C	K	E	T	M	W	X	O

Can you find all the words?

<b>Braces</b>	<b>Wire</b>	<b>Bite</b>	<b>Bracket</b>
<b>Teeth</b>	<b>Arch</b>	<b>Palate</b>	<b>Retainer</b>
<b>Jaw</b>	<b>Lip</b>	<b>Plaque</b>	<b>Wax</b>

