

## **THE LANGUAGE OF DENTISTS**

| <b>What Most People Call It</b> | <b>What Dentists Call It</b>            |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Adult tooth                     | Permanent tooth                         |
| Baby tooth                      | Deciduous tooth                         |
| Back teeth                      | Molars                                  |
| Bite                            | Occlusion                               |
| Braces                          | Orthodontic bands and wires, appliances |
| Cap                             | Crown                                   |
| Cavities                        | Caries                                  |
| Cleaning                        | Prophylaxis                             |
| Eye teeth                       | Canines or cuspids                      |
| Filling                         | Restoration                             |
| Front teeth                     | Incisors and canines                    |
| Gum                             | Gingiva                                 |
| Gum disease                     | Periodontal disease, periodontitis      |
| Harelip                         | Cleft lip                               |
| Laughing gas                    | Nitrous oxide                           |
| Lower jaw                       | Mandible                                |
| Plate                           | Complete or partial denture             |
| Roof of the mouth               | Palate                                  |
| Side teeth                      | Bicuspid or premolars                   |
| Silver filling                  | Amalgam restoration                     |
| Tartar                          | Calculus                                |
| Uneven bite                     | Malocclusion                            |
| Upper jaw                       | Maxilla                                 |