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As Mike, Alpha and Foxtrot chatted, the waiter came over with their puddings.

'Hello,' he said, placing some food on the table. 'I have an ice cream sundae, a piece of chocolate Yule log, and a slice of strawberry cheesecake.'

'Thanks,' echoed the trio, as they tucked in.

'We have to make sure we brush our teeth well after all these tasty desserts!' said Mike. 'Taking care of our teeth is really important. We're so fortunate that we live in a country where it's really easy to see a dentist.'

'For people living in remote places, getting care for their teeth can be really difficult,' explained Alpha. 'In Brazil, I often fly dentists along the Purus River. They run dental clinics for those who live there. Our planes have floats so they can land on the water, near the riverbanks where many isolated people live. Flying saves time, so the dentists can help as many people as possible.'

'I expect it's safer, too,' said Foxtrot, 'avoiding any rapids or river snakes.'

'Uurgh! Snakes!' said Mike with a shiver. 'I don't like snakes – they give me the creeps!'

'Lots of people aren't that keen on dentists either,' laughed Alpha, 'but one dentist I flew – called Sandra – used fun puppets and a giant mouth and toothbrush model to show people how to do a better job of caring for their teeth. It's a great way to avoid having problems in the future and to keep on smiling!'

'The Bible says smiling is great,' Foxtrot added. 'Like this verse from Proverbs 15:13, "A happy heart makes the face cheerful."'

'I have a brilliant joke about dentists that's sure to make your face cheerful!' chipped in Mike. 'What's a dentist's favourite time of day? Tooth-hurty!'

'That's brilliant!' said Foxtrot, as Alpha nearly fell off her chair laughing.