One of the biggest dinosaurs was Brachiosaurus. It lived 150 million years ago during the Jurassic period.

This dinosaur had a huge body. It weighed at least as much as six full grown African elephants. Some probably even weighed more.

Brachiosaurus was the giraffe of dinosaurs. It had a 30 foot long neck that was taller than its two back legs. In the top of this head were big nostrils. In the head’s mouth were small, flat teeth. What did Brachiosaurus eat with these teeth? Plants. Hundreds of pounds of plants every day.

A healthy adult Brachiosaurus had no enemies. The biggest meat-eating dinosaur of that time was Allosaurus. It was much smaller than a Brachiosaurus. A mother Brachiosaurus needed to watch her babies closely to protect them from the dangerous Allosaurus.
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   b. less than 50 million years ago
   c. more than 100 million years ago
   d. more than 200 million years ago

2. The Brachiosaurus lived during the __________________________ period.

3. Brachiosaurus is called “the giraffe of dinosaurs” because ____________________________________________________________

4. What did the Brachiosaurus eat?
   a. insects
   b. plants
   c. other dinosaurs
   d. mud

5. Which dinosaurs would attack baby Brachiosaurus? ___________________________
Brachiosaurus
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