Lesson 11-4

Example 1 Find the Area of a Circle



Find the area of the circle at the right.

$A = \pi r^2$	Area of a circle
$A=\pi\cdot 5^2$	Replace <i>r</i> with 5.
<i>A</i> = 78.53981634	Use a calculator.

The area of the circle is approximately 78.5 square millimeters.

Example 2 Find the Area of a Circle CAMPING A popular campground is circular in shape and has a diameter of 24.6 miles. Find the area of the campground.

$A = \pi r^2$	Area of a circle
$A = \pi \cdot 12.3^2$	Replace r with 24.6 ÷ 2 or 12.3.
$A \approx 475.3$	Use a calculator.

The area of the campground is approximately 475.3 square miles.

Example 3 Standardized Test Practice

Tami draws a circle with a diameter of 10 inches. She then shades one-quarter of the area of the circle. Find the approximate area of the shaded region.

Α	10 in^2	B 12.375 in^2	C 19.625 in^2	D 21.25 in^2

Read the Test Item

You know that the shaded region of the circle represents one-quarter of the total area of the circle. To find the area of the shaded region, find the total area of the circle and divide it by 4.

Solve the Test Item

$A = \pi r^2$	Area of a circle
$A=\pi\cdot 5^2$	Replace r with 5.
<i>A</i> = 78.5	Use a calculator.

The total area of the circle is approximately 78.5 square inches. So, the area of the shaded region is approximately $\frac{78.5}{4}$ or 19.625 square inches and the answer is C.