

**inexplicable** · \i-'nik-'spli-kə-bəl, (,)i-'nek-(,)spli-\ · (adj.)



ethnicity (n) =

**EXAMPLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES**  
The word **inexplicable** has appeared in 100 Times articles over the past year, most recently in "Baldelli Lifts Rays and the Spirits of Youngsters" on October 17, 2008.

...Alec Eckel was torn. Not long before his bedtime on Monday, as he watched Rocco Baldelli slam a home run into the Boston night, Alec found himself doing the unimaginable: smiling when someone helped beat his beloved Red Sox.

Baldelli, an outfielder for the Tampa Bay Rays, has mitochondrial disease -- a mysterious cell disorder that caused him such maddening and **inexplicable** muscle fatigue this spring that he tearfully feared retirement, and worse. After returning to the major leagues this August, he still cannot practice normally or play a full nine innings without debilitating exhaustion, making his home run Monday as medically remarkable as Kirk Gibson's wobbly-kneed shot 20 Octobers ago...

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**Today's Test Prep Question of the Day is a sentence completion.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Select the lettered word or set of words that best completes the sentence.

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**Because the Senator typically appears -----, her reticent attitude last evening seemed particularly -----.**

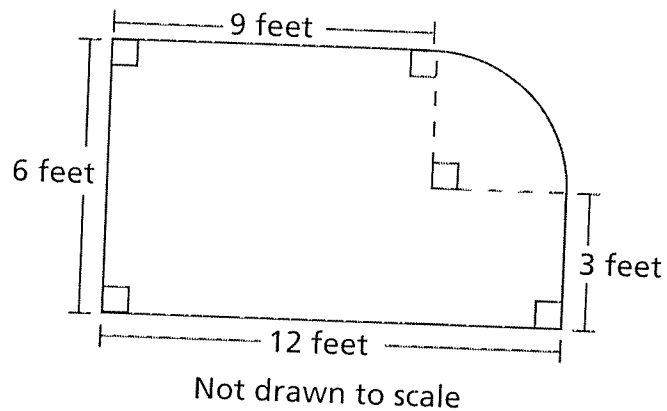
- (A) sociable . . appropriate
- (B) gregarious . . incongruous
- (C) distraught . . sympathetic
- (D) serious . . irrelevant
- (E) pedestrian . . inexplicable

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**Explanation:**

Use the figure below to answer question 34.



34. Find the area of the figure. (Use 3.14 for  $\pi$ .)

- A. 67.71 square feet
- B. 70.07 square feet
- C. 72 square feet
- D. 91.26 square feet

41. A family is carpeting two rectangular rooms. They have chosen carpeting that costs the same amount per square yard for each room. A 12-foot by 15-foot carpet for the bedroom costs \$600. If the dimensions of the living room are 20 feet by 18 feet, what will it cost to carpet the living room?

- A. \$624
- B. \$720
- C. \$1,000
- D. \$1,200