

**CONSTRUCTION #7:** Construct a line parallel to a given line through a given point.

Given line  $l$  and point  $P$ , not on  $l$ .

Construct a line through  $P$ , parallel to  $l$ .

1. Draw a line through  $P$ , so that it intersects line  $l$ . Label this point  $A$ . [figure 1]
2. Open the compass to a comfortable distance, set the compass at  $A$ , and make an arc so that it intersects  $\overline{AP}$  (label this point  $B$ ) and line  $l$  (label this point  $C$ ).  
Using the same compass opening, make an identical arc with the compass set at  $P$ , so that the arc intersects  $\overline{AP}$ . Label this point  $Q$ . [figure 2]
3. Set the compass at  $B$ , and make an arc so that it intersects line  $l$  at point  $C$ .  
Using the same compass opening, make an identical arc with the compass set at  $Q$  so that it intersects the arc you made in step 3. Label this point  $R$ . [figure 3]
4. Draw  $\overline{PR}$ . Note:  $\overline{PR} \parallel \overline{AC}$ . Why? [figure 4]

