SUBJECT: MATHEMATICS TOPIC: CONSTRUCTION CLASS: JSS 1

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this teaching, students should be able to:

- Construct parallel and perpendicular lines
- Bisect a given line segment
- Construct angles 90 and 60 degrees.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction in Mathematics is an accurate drawing of angles and lines. You are only allowed to use a straightedge and a pair of compasses with a pencil in it when you do constructions.

A straightedge

A straightedge is an instrument made of plastic, metal or wood that has a straight edge. You use it to draw straight lines. It is a ruler without any markings on it, because when you do constructions you are not allowed to take any measurements.

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Most of the time you will use your ruler when you do constructions and have to draw straight lines. The important thing to remember is that although there are markings on the ruler, you should not use them at all. You may only use the ruler to draw a straight line.



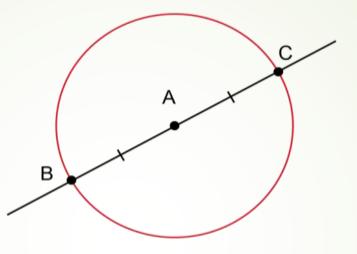
- A pair of compasses is an instrument to draw circles. It can also be called "a compass ".
- A compass has two legs:

 One leg has a sharp point so that you can put it firmly into position on a piece of paper or page in a notebook. When you draw a circle the sharp point will stay on the dot where you positioned it. The sharp point will not move. The other leg has space to insert a pencil. When you draw a circle, you move this leg around, and the pencil will draw the circle on the page.

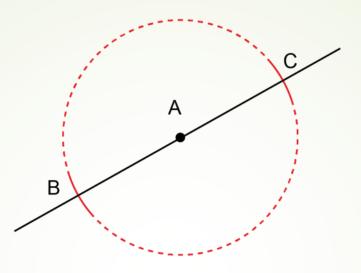


The two legs of the compass are joined at the hinge. Make sure that the metal pin at the hinge is fitted tightly so that the two legs of the compass will not open too easily. Also make sure that your pencil is sharpened. A blunt pencil will lead to diagrams that are not accurate.

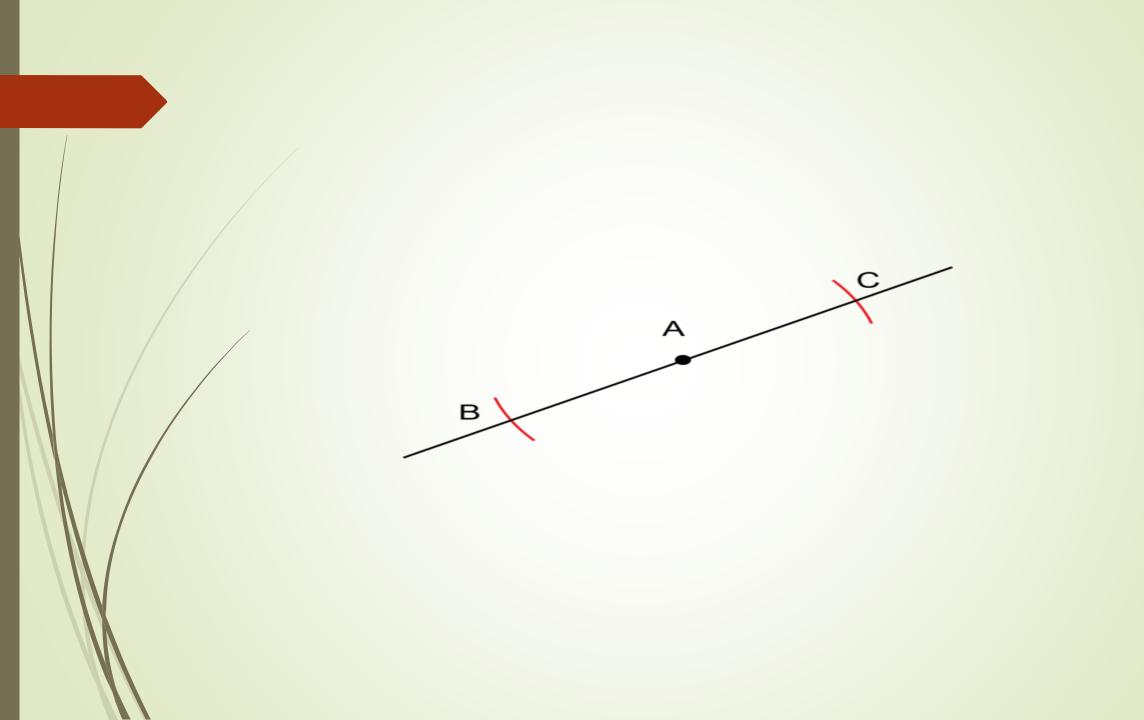
 All the constructions in this chapter are based on the properties of a circle. In the diagram below, BC is the diameter of the circle. A is the centre of the circle. This means that AB is a radius of the circle and AC is also a radius of the circle. So, AB is equal to AC.



 When we do constructions we often do not draw a complete circle



The solid lines drawn at BB and CC are called arcs.
 An arc is part of the circumference of a circle.



We will draw arcs in all the constructions that we are going to do. It is important to remember that if we draw two arcs while our compass stays in the same position, we are drawing two radiuses with equal lengths. Even if we do not draw a complete circle, and we only draw an arc at BB and at C, AB is still a radius of the circle and AC is still a radius of the circle. So, AB is equal to AC.

PERPENDICULAR LINES

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Lines that are perpendicular intersect each other at right angles (at 90) When we are asked to construct a perpendicular line, we will be given one of the lines, as well as a point. We then have to construct a line through the given point so that the new line is perpendicular to the given line are perpendicular.

- Intersect: When two lines intersect, they cross each other.
- **Perpendicular line:** A perpendicular line cuts another line at a right angle.

• The point that is given can be on the line, or it can be a small distance away from the line.



In the first diagram, point P is online AB. In the second diagram, point P is some distance away from line AB

CONSTRUCTING A PERPENDICULAR LINE FROM A POINT ON THE LINE

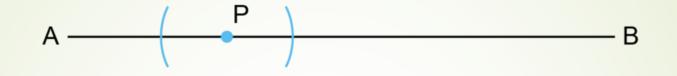
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- Construct line PQ so that PQ is perpendicular to AB.



Solution

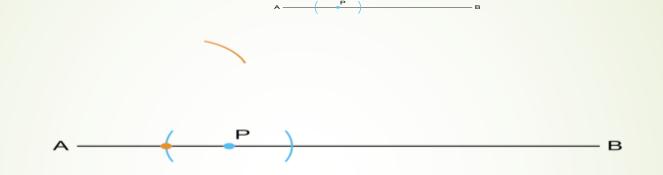
- Step 1: Mark equal distances to both sides of point P on line AB.
- Put the compass on point P (where the blue dot is shown).

 Draw an arc to the left of point P. Then, while keeping the compass open by exactly the same amount, draw an arc to the right of point P. These arcs should intersect (cross) line AB.



Step 2: Draw an arc from the left.

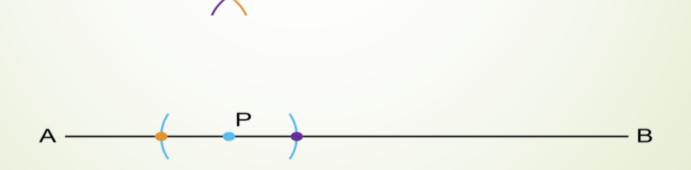
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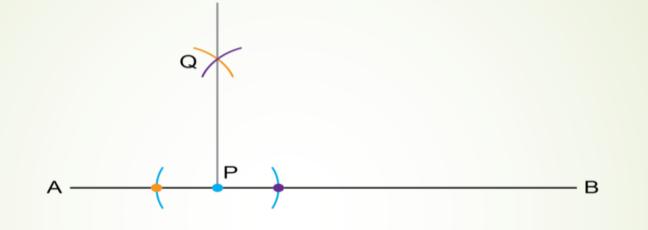
• Step 3: Draw an arc from the right.

Keep the compass exactly the same width open as for Step

 Put the compass point on the arc at the right (where the purple dot is shown). Draw an arc so that it intersects the arc from Step 2



- Step 4: Draw the perpendicular line.
- Point QQ is where the two arcs from Step 2 and Step 3 are intersecting each other. Use a ruler and draw a line from point PP and through point QQ.



- Step 5: Check your construction.
- Use a protractor to measure QP^A and QP^B.

 If each of them is equal to 90, you have made an accurate construction.

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CONSTRUCTING A PERPENDICULAR LINE FROM A POINT AWAY FROM THE LINE

- You are given line AB with a point P away from the line.
- Construct line PQ so that PQ is perpendicular to AB.

- Step 1: Mark equal distances from point PP on line AB.
- Put the point of the compass on point P (where the blue dot is shown).

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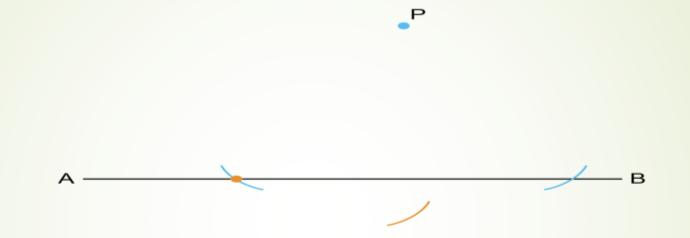
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Draw an arc to the left of point P on the line. While keeping the compass exactly the same width open, draw an arc on the line to the right of point P. These arcs should intersect line AB.



Step 2: Work from the left and draw an arc below line ABAB.

Put the compass point on the left arc of Step 1 (where the orange dot is shown). Draw an arc so that it is underneath point PP.



• Step 3: Work from the right and draw a second arc below line AB.

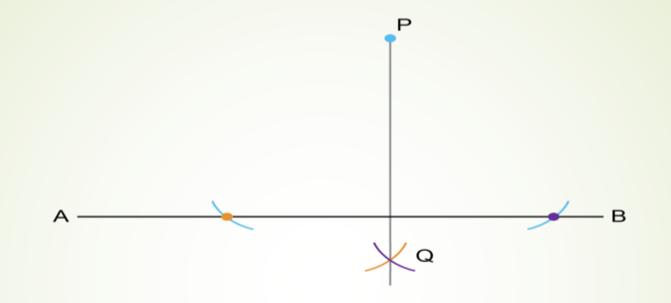
Keep the compass the same width open as for Step 2. Put the compass point on the arc to the right arc of Step 1 (where the purple dot is shown). Draw an arc so that it crosses the arc from Step 2.



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• Step 4: Draw the perpendicular line.

 Point Q is where the two arcs from Step 2 and Step 3 cross each other. Use a ruler and draw a line from point P and through point Q.



• Step 5: Check your construction.

 Use a protractor and measure the angles where line AB and line PQ intersect. If each angle is equal to you have made an accurate construction. Remember to rotate your workbook if you need to, and not to erase your construction lines. Also, always check your work.

EVALUATION

- Draw line CD as shown below. P is a point on the line.
- Construct PQ perpendicular to line CD. Remember to check your answer



 Draw line CD as shown below. Point P is a point away from the line.

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Construct PQ perpendicular to line CD.

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OBJECTIVES

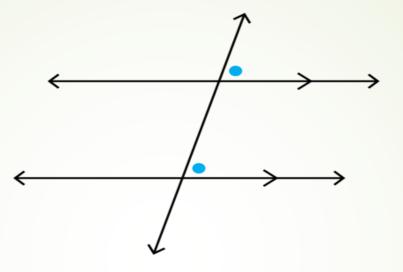
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- Construct angles 90 and 60 degrees.

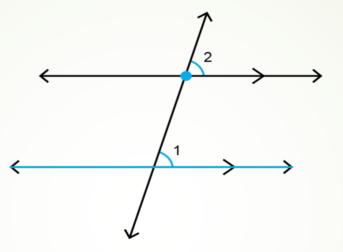
PARALLEL LINES

Parallel lines are lines that are always the same distance apart from each other. They never meet or cross each other. When we are asked to construct parallel lines, we will be given a line and a point. We then have to construct a line through the given point, and then another line that is parallel to the first line.

- Things to note before constructing parallel lines
- If two parallel lines are crossed by another line, then the angles marked in the diagram below will be equal to each other.



To construct a parallel line, you will be given the line shown in blue in the diagram, as well as the blue dot. The plan is to measure 1[^] and then to construct 2[^] so that the two angles are equal. If the two angles are equal, the lines will be parallel.



Worked Example : Constructing Parallel Lines

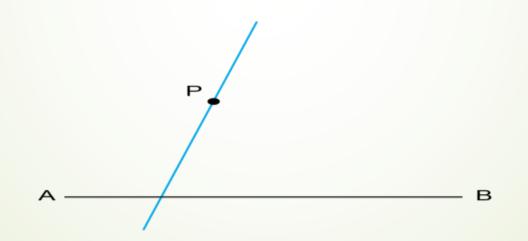
Questions

- P is a point away from line AB.
- Construct line PQ through point P so that PQ is parallel to AB.

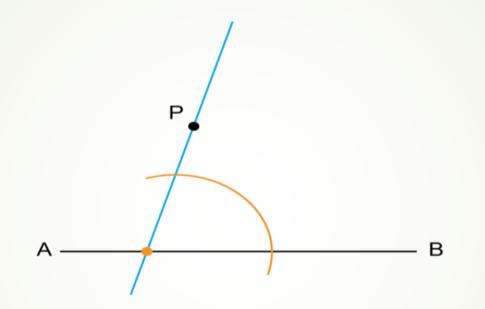


Solution

 Step 1: Use a ruler (or a straightedge) to draw a line to form an acute angle. Draw a straight line through P and that also goes through the line AB. This forms an angle where the two lines intersect.

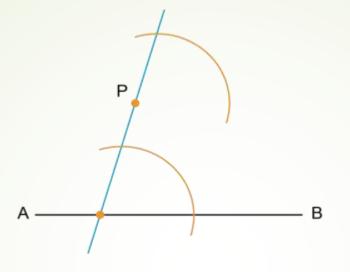


- Step 2: Draw an arc from the vertex of the acute angle.
- Put the compass point on the orange dot and draw the arc that goes through both lines. Make sure that the arc is below point P

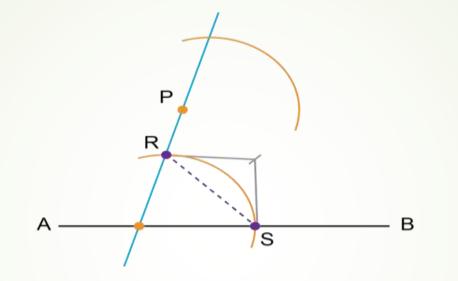


• Step 3: Draw the second arc from point PP.

Keep the compass at the same width to draw the second arc. Put the compass point on point PP and draw the second arc above PP. Make sure that the second arc goes lower than point PP on the right hand side.

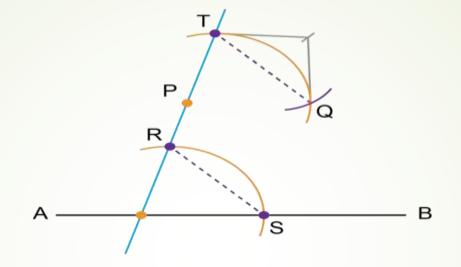


 Step 4: Use the compass to measure the distance between the two points where the first arc intersects the lines (the two purple dots). Put the point of the compass where the first arc intersects the line AB (at the purple point now labelled R). Put the pencil end of the compass where this arc intersects the line through P (at the purple point now labelled S). **IMPORTANT:** Do not draw a line between point R and point S. You are only *measuring* the distance.



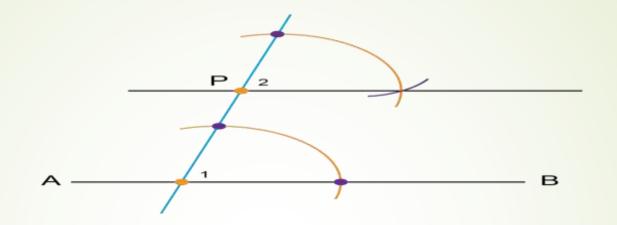
• Step 5: Mark the same length on the second arc.

compass point on point T, and draw an arc to find point Q. Point Q will be where this new arc intersects the second orange arc. The distance between point T and point Q should be exactly the same as the distance between point RR and point S.



IMPORTANT: Do not draw a line between point TT and point QQ. You are only measuring off the correct distance.

- Step 6: Draw a line through point P and point Q.
- When you draw a line through point P and point
 Q, line PQ will be parallel to line AB



- Step 7: Check your construction.
- Use a protractor to measure 1[^] and 2[^] If the two angles are equal to each other, your construction is accurate.

HINT: Remember, you can rotate your workbook to make it easier to work with a line that is not horizontal. Do not erase your construction lines after you have completed a construction, and always check your work by measuring the angles.



A line segment is part of a straight line. A line segment has a beginning and an end. When we are asked to bisect a line segment, we are asked to divide the line segment into two equal parts. The bisector is the line segment that divides the given line segment into two equal parts.

WORKED EXAMPLE: BISECTING A LINE SEGMENT

Question

You are given line segment AB as shown in the diagram below.

Bisect AB and label the bisector PQ

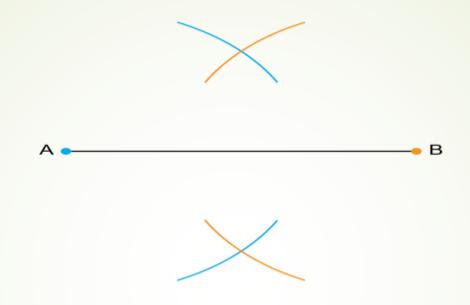
Solution

- Step 1: Draw the first set of two arcs.
- Open the compass so that the distance between the two points is more than half of the length of AB. Test this on line AB.

 Put the compass on point A (the blue dot) and draw two arcs as shown. One arc is above AB and one arc is below AB.

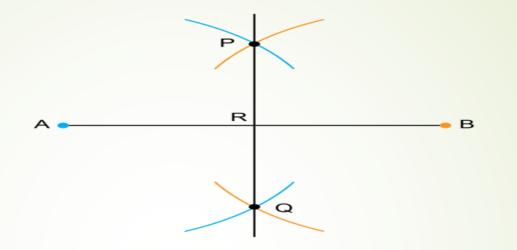
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- Step 2: Draw the second set of two arcs.
- Keep the compass open at exactly the same width as for Step 1.
- Put the compass on point B (the orange dot) and draw two arcs as shown. One arc is above AB and one arc is below AB.



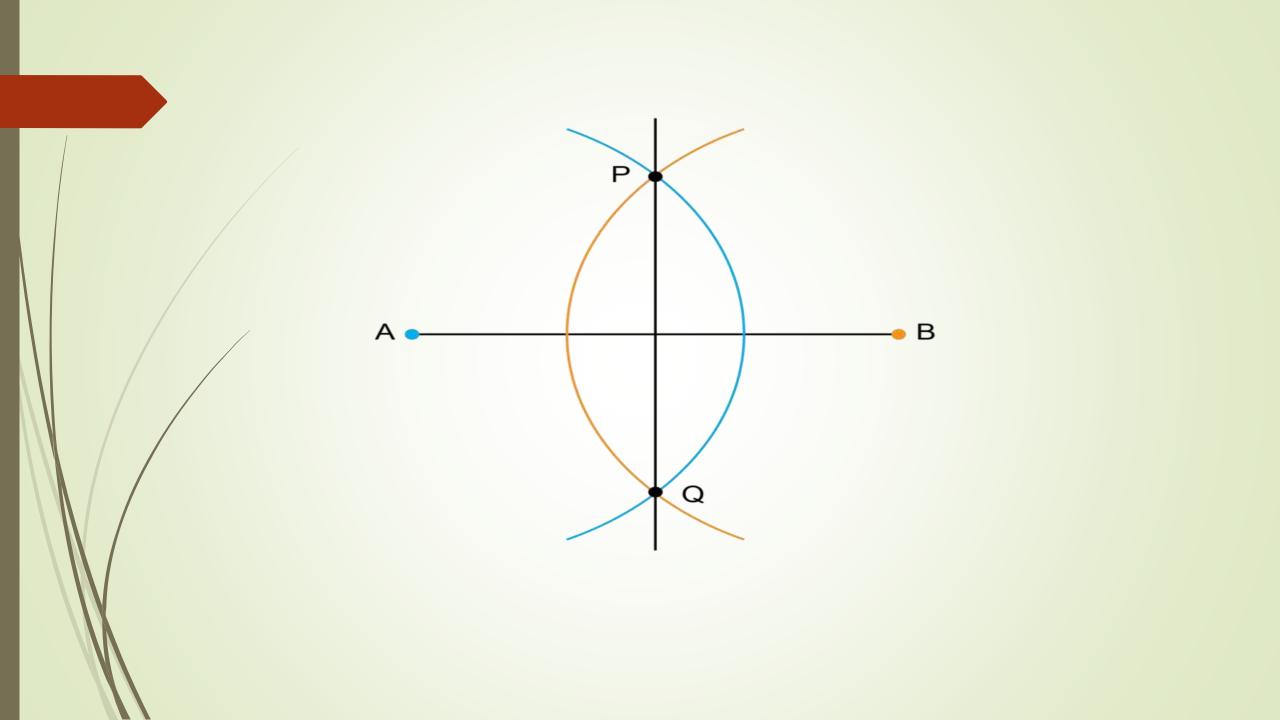
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- Label the points where the arcs of intersect as point P and point Q.

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- Use a ruler and draw a line through point P and point Q. PQ is the bisector of line segment AB at point R.



- Step 4: Check your work.
- Measure the lengths of the two parts of line segment AB If AR is equal to RB, your construction is accurate.

Take note that if you measure the angles at R, you will find they are 90°. We say that the bisector is perpendicular to the original line segment. The symbol for perpendicular is \perp , so we write: PQ \perp AB. When we do a construction to bisect a line, the bisector is always perpendicular to the line. This means we can call the bisector a "perpendicular line bisector ". HINT: If you find it easier, you may draw two bigger arcs instead of four smaller arcs when you construct the bisector of a line segment, as shown in the diagram below.



CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANGLE 60°

Question

- You are given a line segment BD as shown below.
- Construct AB so that C is a point on AB and AB^C = 60°

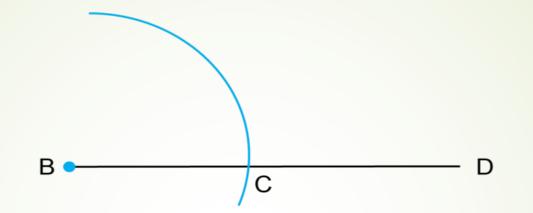
Solution

• Step 1: Draw the first big arc.

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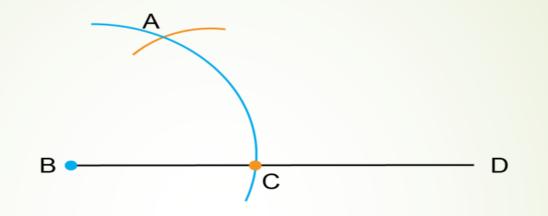
 Put the compass point at point BB (on the blue dot) and draw a big arc. Label point CC where the arc crosses line segment BDBD. Keep the compass at the same width for Step 2.

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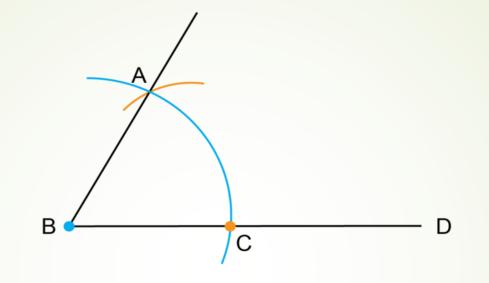


 Step 2: Draw a small arc that crosses the first big arc.

- Keep the compass at the same width for Step 1.
 Put the compass point at point C (on the orange dot) and make an arc to cross the big arc that you drew in Step 1.
- Label the point of intersection A.



- Step 3: Complete the construction.
- Use a ruler and draw a line segment from point BB through point AA.



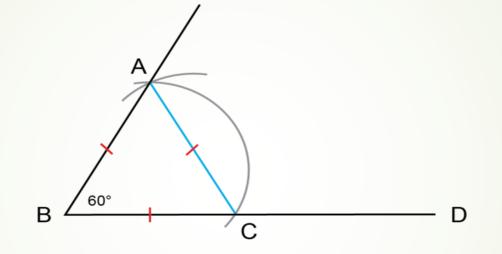
• Step 4: Check your work.

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Use a protractor to measure AB^C. The angle should be equal to 60.

NOTE: When you construct an angle of 60° you are actually constructing a triangle with three equal sides. In an equilateral triangle all three sides have equal lengths and each of the angles are equal to 60°.

CONSTRUCTION OF A RIGHT ANGLE 90°



A right angle is an angle of 90 degrees. In real life we often see right angles.

For example, the corners of your workbook are right angles, the corners of a door are right angles, and the corners of most tables are right angles.

Worked Example

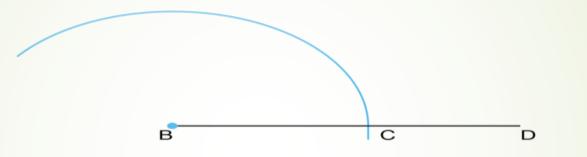
You are given a line segment BD as shown below.

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Construct AB so that $AB^{C} = 90^{\circ}$.

Solution

- Step 1: Draw the first big arc.
- Put the compass point at point B (on the blue dot) and draw a big arc. Label point C where the arc intersects line segment BD.

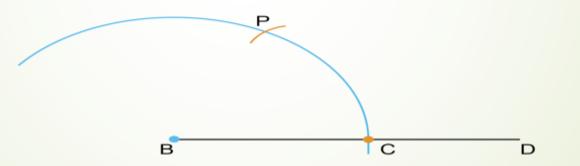


• Step 2: Draw the first small arc for an angle of 60

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 Keep the compass at the same width for the following two arcs (Step 2 and Step 3).

- Put the compass on point C and make an arc on the big arc that was drawn in Step 1.
- Label the point of intersection P. (Point P shows the mark for angle 60.

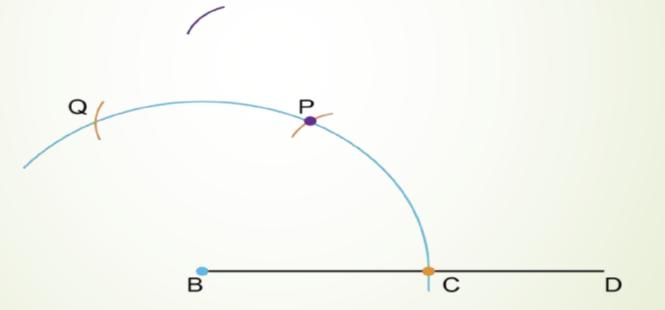


- The compass should still be at exactly the same width as for the first big arc.
- Put the compass on point PP and make another arc on the big arc that was drawn in Step 1.
- Label the point of intersection point Q. (Point Q shows the mark for an angle 60)

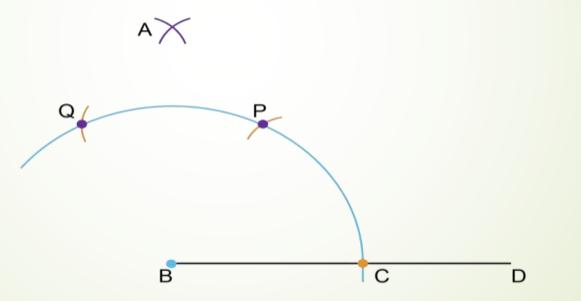
- Step 4: Draw the first arc to find the right angle.
- We want to find the line for an angle of 90 and we know that this line should be exactly in the middle between the arcs for the angles of 60 and 120.

- The compass can now be less open, but it should stay at the same width for these next two arcs (Step 4 and Step 5).
- Put the compass on point P and make an arc as shown below.

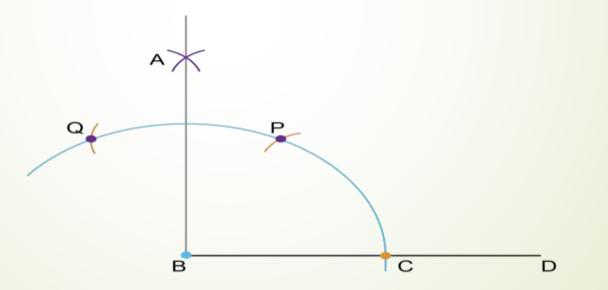
- Step 5: Draw the second arc to find the right angle.
- Keep the compass at the same width as for Step 4.



 Put the compass on point Q and draw an arc. Label the point of intersection between the two arcs A.



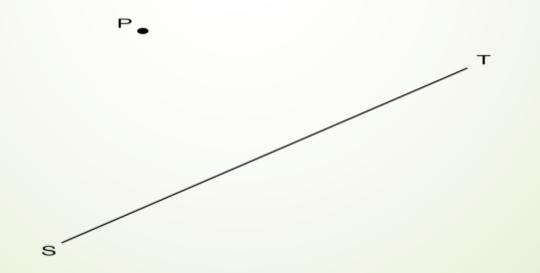
- Step 6: Complete the construction.
- Use a ruler and draw a line segment from point BB and through point AA



- Step 7: Check your work.
- Use a protractor to measure <ABC. The angle should be equal to 90°.

EVALUATION

- Draw line ST as shown below. Point P is a point away from the line.
- Construct PQ parallel to line ST.



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