American style quotation marks have six main functions:

A. When you are repeating someone’s exact words
   
   **EXAMPLE:** Jane said, “I can’t handle this dog.”

B. To show irony
   
   **EXAMPLE:** My “vocal” dog refused to bark on command.

C. To show an unusual usage of a word or phrase
   
   **EXAMPLE:** We can’t really “understand” how a dog thinks.

D. To refer to a word itself rather than its meaning.
   
   **EXAMPLE:** The word “dog” starts with a “D”.

E. To refer to nicknames and false titles.
   
   **EXAMPLE:** Benji “the boxer” Cunningham is the meekest dog I know.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence below. How are the quotation marks used? Write the letter of the usage explanation on the line.

______ 1. That dog doesn’t understand the word “sit”.
______ 2. “Get over here right now, Rover!” Mark screamed.
______ 3. Cesar “The Dog Whisperer” Milan is my hero.
______ 5. I took him to “obedience” class but he barked through the whole thing.
______ 6. “Here Pooch. Do you want a cookie?” Ralph said.
______ 7. Do you think “Mr. Incredible” could get his head out of my garbage can?
______ 8. My dog Julius “talks” to me all the time.
______ 9. I call my dog “The Gardener” because he chases rabbits from the garden.
______ 10. Mary gave the command, “Sit!” and Rover sat.
______ 11. I don’t believe you can really “train” a dog.
______ 12. “Dogs are the best pets in the world!” Henry exclaimed.