

You can use the following two expressions to make polite requests:

Could you + infinitive ...?

Example: Could you **turn off** your phone?

Would you mind + verb -ing ...?

Example: Would you mind **opening** the window?

**A. Underline the correct expression to complete each request.**

1. Could you / Would you mind bring me some milk for my coffee?
2. Could you / Would you mind answering the door?
3. Could you / Would you mind go to the shop for me?
4. Could you / Would you mind turning off the music?
5. Could you / Would you mind bringing me a drink?
6. Could you / Would you mind repeat the question?

**B. Complete the polite requests with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. Would you mind ..... (bring) me a coffee?
2. Could you ..... (lend) me your pen?
3. Would you mind ..... (call) a taxi for me?
4. Could you ..... (close) the door?
5. Would you mind ..... (get) me a glass of water?
6. Could you ..... (carry) these bags for me?
7. Would you mind ..... (put) your phones on silent?
8. Would you mind ..... (help) me with my homework?



**C. Match each polite request to a suitable response.**

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| 1. Could you tell me when the train leaves? | a. Of course, do you take sugar? |
| 2. Would you mind closing the door?         | b. No problem, let me help you.  |
| 3. Could you bring me a coffee?             | c. Sure, it leaves at 9:00 a.m.  |
| 4. Would you mind helping me with my bags?  | d. I'd prefer not to, I'm hot.   |
| 5. Could you do me a favour?                | e. Of course, I'll slow down.    |
| 6. Would you mind speaking slowly?          | f. Yes, what do you need?        |