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Command Conversion Answer Key

(Sample answers - student wording may vary as long as they change from command → polite request.)

1. Close the door. → **Could you please close the door?**
2. Pass me the pencil. → **Would you pass me the pencil, please?**
3. Turn off the lights. → **Could you turn off the lights for me?**
4. Help me with this homework. → **Would you please help me with this homework?**
5. Open the window. → **Could you open the window, please?**
6. Carry this bag for me. → **Would you mind carrying this bag for me?**
7. Sit down quietly. → **Could you please sit down quietly?**
8. Read the instructions carefully. → **Would you read the instructions carefully, please?**
9. Take out the trash. → **Could you take out the trash for me?**
10. Lend me your notebook. → **May I please borrow your notebook?**

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- This activity teaches students how **tone and sentence type affect politeness**.
- Imperatives can feel abrupt; by turning them into interrogatives with words like *please, could, would, may*, they become **requests** instead of **orders**.
- Accept multiple variations as correct, provided they are **interrogative and polite**.
- **Extension idea:** Have students create their own *imperative sentences* and trade with a partner to transform them.