

You Killed It

Three phrases for praise that actually sounds like praise.

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You killed it

You say this right after someone does something extremely well, like a performance, a presentation, or a game. It's casual, warm, and enthusiastic praise for a big success.

Examples

- You killed it out there! The whole crowd loved your set.
- She killed it at her job interview this morning.

You can also say

- You nailed it!
- You crushed it!

It's slang, so use it with friends and coworkers you know. For something still going well, say "You're killing it."

Seriously impressive

You use this to give strong, honest praise for something that really surprised or impressed you. "Seriously" shows you're not just being polite.

Examples

- Learning three languages in five years is seriously impressive.
- Her design work is seriously impressive. The whole team was blown away.

You can also say

- That's really impressive.
- I'm genuinely impressed.

"Seriously" here means "truly," not "without joking." Adding "for a beginner" can sound like you expected little, so be careful.

No, I mean it

You say this when you feel the other person doesn't believe you, often after a compliment or offer. You are insisting that you are completely sincere.

Examples

- Take the day off. No, I mean it, you've earned it.
- You're welcome to stay with us. No, I mean it.

You can also say

- I'm serious.
- I'm not just saying that.

"I mean it" can also be a warning, like "Stop that. I mean it." Your tone and the situation show which meaning you intend.

Quick check

1. Great job on stage tonight! You totally _____ it.
forgot / killed / missed
2. You built that app alone in a month? That's seriously _____.
disappointing / impressive / ordinary
3. You think I'm just being nice? No, I _____ it.
keep / mean / miss

Answers: 1 killed, 2 impressive, 3 mean

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