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Slay



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Jiaying

Welcome to The English We Speak with me, Jiaying...

Roy

... and me, Roy. I really like your jumper – is that a vampire on the front?

Jiaying

Yes, it is! I slay!

Roy

I'm sorry? You do what?!

Jiaying

I said that I slay – when you look this amazing, you are going to slay!

Roy

Whoa! Wait there a second. Are you saying you are going to kill vampires? I thought they weren't real!

Jiaying

No, Roy! I know that 'slay' can mean 'kill', but it can also mean 'to be amazing' or 'impressive'. For example, I read a great book last night - it slays!

Roy

So you're not Jiaying the Vampire Slayer then? That makes more sense! Well, your jumper is awesome, so yes – it slays!

Jiaying

Exactly! Well, let's talk about more things that slay after these examples.

Examples

He looks amazing today! He's wearing a really smart suit – he slays!

Their house is incredible – decorated with true style and taste! And don't get me started on the furniture – it slays!

She really slayed last night at the award ceremony – she looked amazing!

Jiaying

You're listening to The English We Speak from BBC Learning English, and we're talking about the word 'slay'. If someone or something slays, they look amazing or very impressive.

Roy

Yes, for example, last night I watched a great film about vampires. It slays! I think that was why I was so scared earlier!

Jiaying

Well, don't worry – hey, do you know what else slays? My amazing smile!

Roy

Your teeth – they're really sharp! You have fangs! Wait! Are you a vampire?

Jiaying

Of course I'm not! Fooled you! They're not my real teeth, they're just a toy! But they look really realistic – they slay!

Roy

Wow, that's the second time you've tricked me today! You're hilarious! What are you drinking?

Jiaying

Just a fruit smoothie! It's delicious! It slays!

Roy

It's really red! Are you sure that's a fruit smoothie?

Jiaying

Definitely – what else could it be? Bye, Roy!

Roy

Bye!