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How to use
death '死 sǐ'
to make an
exaggeration

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1. **Negative Adjective + 死了 = extremely...** ^{sǐ le}

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| lèi sǐ le 累死了 <i>So tired</i> | xiào sǐ le 笑死了 <i>so funny</i> | nán shòu sǐ le 难受死了 <i>Feeling extremely unwell</i> |
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| suān sǐ le 酸死了 <i>Way too sour</i> | tián sǐ le 甜死了 <i>way too sweet</i> | kǔ sǐ le 苦死了 <i>way too bitter</i> |
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| là sǐ le 辣死了 <i>Way too spicy</i> | rè sǐ le 热死了 <i>Way too hot</i> | lěng sǐ le 冷死了 <i>Way too cold</i> |
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| shǎ sǐ le 傻死了 <i>So silly</i> | bèn sǐ le 笨死了 <i>So stupid</i> | zāng sǐ le 脏死了 <i>So dirty</i> |
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2. In modern Chinese, more and more often we also use positive adjectives to make an exaggeration

positive adjective + 死了'

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| piào liàng sǐ le 漂亮死了 | kě' ài sǐ le 可爱死了 | xǐ huān sǐ le 喜欢死了 |
| <i>So beautiful</i> | <i>so cute</i> | <i>like it so much</i> |

3. Lastly, of course 死 can be used to describe the real death

Subj. + 死了 died (real death)

sǐ le
David Bowie 死了

David Bowie died.

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