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The short answer: Postman reads our OpenAPI specification and builds a **collection** with every API request, grouped by area. Then you set your key in one place and start testing, outside the browser and with your own requests saved.

Step by step

1. **Copy the specification link** from the API reference, Specification section, or download the `openapi.json` file.
2. **In Postman, click Import** and paste the link, or drag the file into the window.
3. **Choose to import it as a collection.** If Postman offers to organise folders by tags, take it: the folders then match the areas of the documentation.
4. **Create an environment** with a variable for the key, for example `rlx_api_key`, and put your `sandbox_` key in the current value.
5. **On the collection, Authorization tab,** choose Bearer Token and type `{{rlx_api_key}}`. Requests that inherit auth from the collection will use it.
6. **Check the address:** the import usually creates a base address variable from the specification. Make sure it points to the Interweb API.

7 **Test:** first `GET /v1/ping`, which needs no key, then `GET /v1/token`, which shows what the key can do.

Mind where the key lives.
In Postman, the initial value of a variable is shared with everyone who has access to the workspace; the current value stays, by default, on your computer only. Put the key only in the current value, and never export or share a collection with the key inside.

Details that save surprises

Detail	What to do
Error messages in Portuguese	Add the `Accept-Language: pt` header to the requests.
`POST` **requests**	Send `Idempotency-Key` with a unique value. In Postman, the dynamic variable `{{$guid}}` generates one on every send.
Operation names in English	That is expected: tools read the English texts in the specification.
The API changed	Import the specification again. The "Updated on" date of the reference tells you when.

Before you use a `prod_` key,
run the same requests with a `sandbox_` key: writes are simulated and never charge. More about the file in **the OpenAPI specification**.

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The specification link is at the end of the API reference.

See the specification →

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