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With a `sandbox_` key, you can check your Kilo Code setup without spending credits or points. The API answers in the right format, but does not call the model. It confirms the address, the key and the model, in the extension and on the command line.

What the Sandbox does

Chat always answers "Resposta de teste (sandbox).", with `usage` at zero. The model list, the prices and the balance are the real ones. Nothing is charged.

In the VS Code extension

1. In the **API Center**, create a `sandbox_` key with `ai:read` and `ai:write`.
2. Create the **Custom provider** with that key in **API key**.
3. If the **Models** list loads, the address and the key are right: the list is the real one, even with the sandbox key.
4. Choose a text model, click **Submit** and say "hello". The answer should be "Resposta de teste (sandbox).".
5. Then put the `prod_` key in **API key**.

On the command line

1. Save the `sandbox_` key in the `INTERWEB_API_KEY` variable (`setx` on Windows, `export` on Linux and macOS) and open a new terminal.

2 Run `kilo`, choose a Interweb model with `/models` and say "hello".

3 Once you get the test answer, set the variable to the `prod_` key, open a new terminal and run `kilo` again.

What each result means

What you see	What it means
"Resposta de teste (sandbox)."	Everything is right. Switch to the `prod_` key.
The Models list does not load	The **Base URL** is wrong (the `/v1` is missing) or the key is not right.
`401`	On the command line: the variable does not exist in that window, or the provider is in the project file, which does not read variables. See **why the key only works in the global file**.
`404 model_not_found`	The id is wrong, is missing the part before the slash, or is not a text model.
`404 not_found`	The `/v1` is missing at the end of the address.

Then, the prod_ key

With the sandbox key, Kilo Code always gets the same sentence and cannot write code. Also, a `sandbox_` key reads real data from your account: keep it as carefully as a `prod_` key.

What the Sandbox answers in each case is in the article on **testing in the Sandbox at no cost**.

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Want to check Kilo Code without spending anything? Visit the Coding with AI page.

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