

KILL BILL. VOL 1 (2003)



TITLE	YEAR	DIRECTOR	MAIN ACTORS	GENRE
<i>Kill Bill: Vol. 1</i>	2003	Quentin Tarantino	Uma Thurman (The Bride), Lucy Liu (O-Ren Ishii), Vivica A. Fox (Vernita Green), Daryl Hannah (Elle Driver), David Carradine (Bill)	Action, Revenge, Martial Arts
<i>Kill Bill: Vol. 2</i>	2004			+18 years old Intermediate English level

SYNOPSIS

Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2 tell the story of “**The Bride**”, a former assassin who wakes up from a four-year coma after being attacked on her wedding day by her ex-boss and lover, **Bill**, and the **Deadly Viper Assassination Squad**.

She decides to take revenge on everyone who betrayed her, one by one. In **Volume 1**, the story focuses on her brutal fights and revenge missions against O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green. **Volume 2** goes deeper into her past, her training with the cruel master Pai Mei, and her final confrontation with Bill.

VOCABULARY

ENGLISH WORD	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING IN SPANISH
revenge	<i>rivénch</i>	venganza
assassin	<i>asásin</i>	asesino / asesina
sword	<i>suórd</i>	espada
bride	<i>braid</i>	novia
betrayal	<i>bitréial</i>	traición
squad	<i>skuad</i>	escuadrón
fight	<i>fait</i>	pelea
blood	<i>blad</i>	sangre
master	<i>máster</i>	maestro
training	<i>tréining</i>	entrenamiento
coma	<i>kóma</i>	coma
revenge list	<i>rivénch list</i>	lista de venganza
flashback	<i>fláshbak</i>	recuerdo / escena pasada
kill	<i>kil</i>	matar
blade	<i>bleid</i>	hoja (de espada)
gun	<i>gan</i>	pistola
target	<i>tárguet</i>	objetivo
fight scene	<i>fait sin</i>	escena de pelea
honor	<i>ónor</i>	honor
poison	<i>póison</i>	veneno



READING

The story follows **Beatrix Kiddo**, also known as **The Bride**, a woman who used to be part of a group of assassins called *The Deadly Viper Assassination Squad*. After trying to leave her violent life behind, she is attacked on her wedding day by her former boss and lover, **Bill**, and the other members of the squad. They shoot her in the head, and she falls into a coma for four years.

When she wakes up, The Bride decides to take revenge on everyone who betrayed her. She creates a list of names and starts to find them one by one. Her first fights are with **Vernita Green** in California and **O-Ren Ishii** in Japan. The fight with O-Ren and her gang, the "Crazy 88," is one of the most famous scenes in *Kill Bill Vol. 1*. The Bride wins, but she still has more enemies to face. At the end of Volume 1, we learn a shocking secret.

1. Who is the main character of the story?

- A) O-Ren Ishii
- B) Vernita Green
- C) Beatrix Kiddo
- D) Bill

2. What is Beatrix Kiddo's nickname?

- A) The Assassin
- B) The Bride
- C) The Killer
- D) The Fighter

3. What group did she belong to in the past?

- A) The Deadly Viper Assassination Squad
- B) The Crazy 88
- C) The Bride's Army
- D) The Black Mamba Team

4. Who attacks her on her wedding day?

- A) Her family
- B) Bill and the assassins
- C) O-Ren Ishii alone
- D) Vernita Green and Budd

5. What happens to The Bride during the attack?

- A) She escapes and hides.
- B) She kills everyone.

- C) She is shot in the head and falls into a coma.
- D) She gets married and leaves.

6. How long is she in a coma?

- A) Two years
- B) Four years
- C) Five years
- D) Ten years

7. What does she decide to do after waking up?

- A) Forget her past.
- B) Take revenge on those who betrayed her.
- C) Move to another country.
- D) Start a new family.

8. What does she make to plan her revenge?

- A) A map
- B) A list of names
- C) A phone call
- D) A letter to Bill

9. Who are the first two people she fights?

- A) Vernita Green and O-Ren Ishii
- B) Bill and Pai Mei
- C) Budd and Elle Driver
- D) The Crazy 88 and Bill

10. Where does she fight O-Ren Ishii?

- A) In California
- B) In Japan
- C) In Texas
- D) In Mexico

11. Who are the "Crazy 88"?

- A) A rock band
- B) A police group
- C) O-Ren Ishii's gang
- D) The Bride's friends

12. What happens at the end of Volume 1?

- A) The Bride is killed.
- B) The Bride meets her dad.
- C) We learn a shocking secret.
- D) Bill disappears forever.



EXERCISE. PRACTICE THE CONDITIONALS

1. If The Bride _____ (not join) the Deadly Viper Squad, she _____ (have) a normal life.
2. Bill would still be alive if he _____ (not betray) Beatrix.
3. If The Bride _____ (see) Bill again, she will probably _____ (try) to kill him.
4. If she _____ (wake up) earlier from the coma, she _____ (start) her revenge sooner.
5. O-Ren Ishii _____ (not die) if she _____ (fight) more carefully.
6. If Beatrix _____ (forgive) Bill, she _____ (not feel) peace in the end.
7. If I _____ (be) The Bride, I _____ (train) every day with Pai Mei.
8. The story would be different if Bill _____ (let) her leave the squad.
9. If The Bride _____ (not have) a daughter, her motivation _____ (be) weaker.
10. If Vernita Green _____ (lock) the door, The Bride _____ (not enter) her house.



FUN FACTS

- Quentin Tarantino wrote *Kill Bill* as a tribute to Asian martial arts films and spaghetti westerns.
- Uma Thurman and Tarantino developed (desarrollaron) the character of **The Bride** together.
- The yellow jumpsuit (mono) The Bride wears is inspired by Bruce Lee's outfit in *Game of Death*.
- The movie was originally one long film but was split (dividida) into two volumes.
- Uma Thurman performed many of her own stunts (escenas de riesgo).
- The famous "Crazy 88" fight scene took eight weeks to film.
- The music includes Japanese rock, surf, and western themes.



Now, check your answers

KEY:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. C
12. C

CONDITONALS Answer Key

1. had not joined / would have had
2. had not betrayed
3. sees / will try
4. had woken up / would have started
5. would not have died / had fought
6. had forgiven / would not have felt
7. were / would train
8. had let
9. had not had / would have been
10. had locked / would not have entered