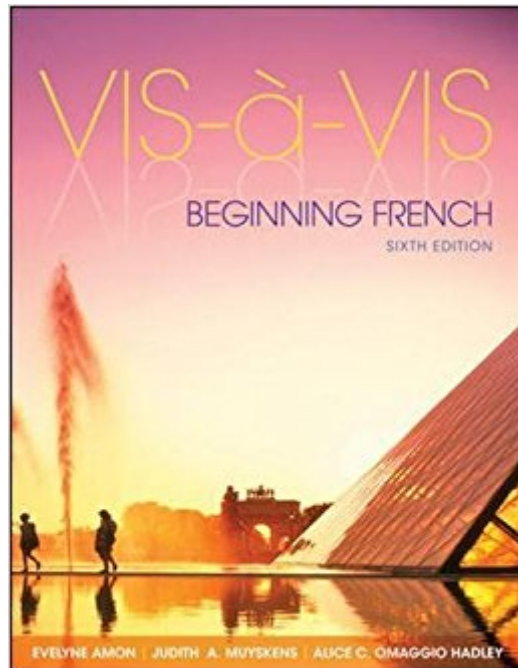




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# **Vis-à-Vis: Beginning French, 6th Edition (English And French Edition)**



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