

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 21



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I am standing by a 316-foot-high clock tower along a river called the Thames. (Here you do not pronounce the river name as if it rhymes with the word *games*. Instead, the name is pronounced *Temz*, which rhymes with *hems*.) It is not the clock tower that is so unique, however. It is the great bell inside the tower that is one of the world's most famous landmarks. The largest of five bells in the tower stands more than 7 feet high and weighs about 13-1/2 tons! The bell was first rung in the year 1859. The clock tower that holds this famous bell is attached to a building called the Houses of Parliament. My guide said that there are prison cells inside the clock tower where members of this country's government can be imprisoned for breaking laws. No one has been locked up since 1880, he added. Can you guess how long the minute hand is on this famous clock? It's 14 feet long! And the numbers on the clock's face are 2 feet tall. I noticed that the light at the top of the clock tower is lit. That means that members of this government's parliament are in session at the moment.

Can you name the place I am visiting? Where in the world is this place found?

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