

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 34

Name _____

Date _____

Read the paragraph below. In that paragraph, everybody's favorite adventurer, Mrs. Waffenschmidt, offers clues about the place she is visiting today. Use those clues to help you figure out where in the world Mrs. Waffenschmidt is. Write your answer on the line at the bottom of the page.



On my last night in this country, I am standing with friends in the middle of a very famous square. Back in the 15th century, this area was filled with buildings, but a terrible fire burned them to the ground. For a long time the area was called by a name that meant “the burnt-out place.” It became a place where people went to get food and to sell livestock and other things. It was also where people of this capital city gathered to hear news from the king. From where I am standing, I can see a very famous onion-domed church called St. Basil’s, the walls of an old fortress that houses government offices today, and a tomb to past leaders. Right across the street from where I am standing, I see the largest department store in the country. Excuse me as I walk over to do some souvenir shopping. I think I’ll try to get one of those nesting dolls, called “matryoshka” dolls, to take home with me. The name of this square does not come from the color of the bricks used in the buildings. Rather, it comes from a native word that means “beautiful.” This place use to be known as “Beautiful Square.” And it is a beautiful place to visit.

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

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