

## **Giving Feedback**

Our website features an inbuilt feedback function that allows you to report any mistakes and shortcomings you might encounter when working with our materials. We will make every effort to consider and implement suggestions made through the feedback box found at the bottom of the page. If you provide your e-mail address when submitting a comment, you will receive a reply from us detailing how we reacted to your comment.

Known experts on the Mari language can contact us personally to receive passwords allowing their comments to receive preferential treatment. Any user can, however, use the feedback function, even without a password.

When making comments, please adhere to the following principles:

- Remember that our dictionary follows an inclusionist approach. We will not exclude material from our dictionary for ideological reasons. We are willing to consider and include alternative ways of expressing concepts and are potentially willing to link from Russian loan words to neologisms intended to replace them, but we will not reduce the usability of our dictionary by following prescriptive precepts. Our dictionary is primarily descriptive.
- If you are a native speaker of Mari, please remember that our dictionary covers literary Mari as used by representatives of a wide range of dialect and sociolinguistic groups. If a word we use is unknown to you or a construction used seems alien, please verify that this is not a feature of Mari subject to variation.
- Please give us concrete and actionable suggestions. Tell us exactly what you think we could do to make a particular entry or our dictionary as a whole better.
- Please source your claims if necessary and possible. If you find an aspect of meaning missing, please tell us where you saw the word in question used as you describe. If you are a Mari native speaker, feel free to provide examples of your own that illustrate your claim.

If your comments do not adhere to these principles, you will receive a note informing you of this and asking you to resubmit your feedback in adherence with the rules.

Comments can be submitted in the following languages: English, German, Mari, Russian, Finnish, Hungarian, Estonian. We will reply to feedback in English or Mari.