

About the Udmurt language

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The history of the accession of the Udmurts to Russia

The mention of the Udmurts as a separate people is first encountered in the ancient Russian chronicle, which tells about the campaign of Tsar Ivan III against Kazan in 1469. Then the Udmurts participated in the defense against the Russians, since they were under the influence of the Kazan Khanate, and in 1489 the Vyatka land was annexed to Russia, with the northern Udmurts living on it. The Arsk land with the southern Udmurts was annexed only in 1558, which meant the final entry of the Udmurts into the Russian state.

Monument "Friendship of Peoples", dedicated to the 400th anniversary of the entry of Udmurtia into Russia, opened on June 26, 1972.



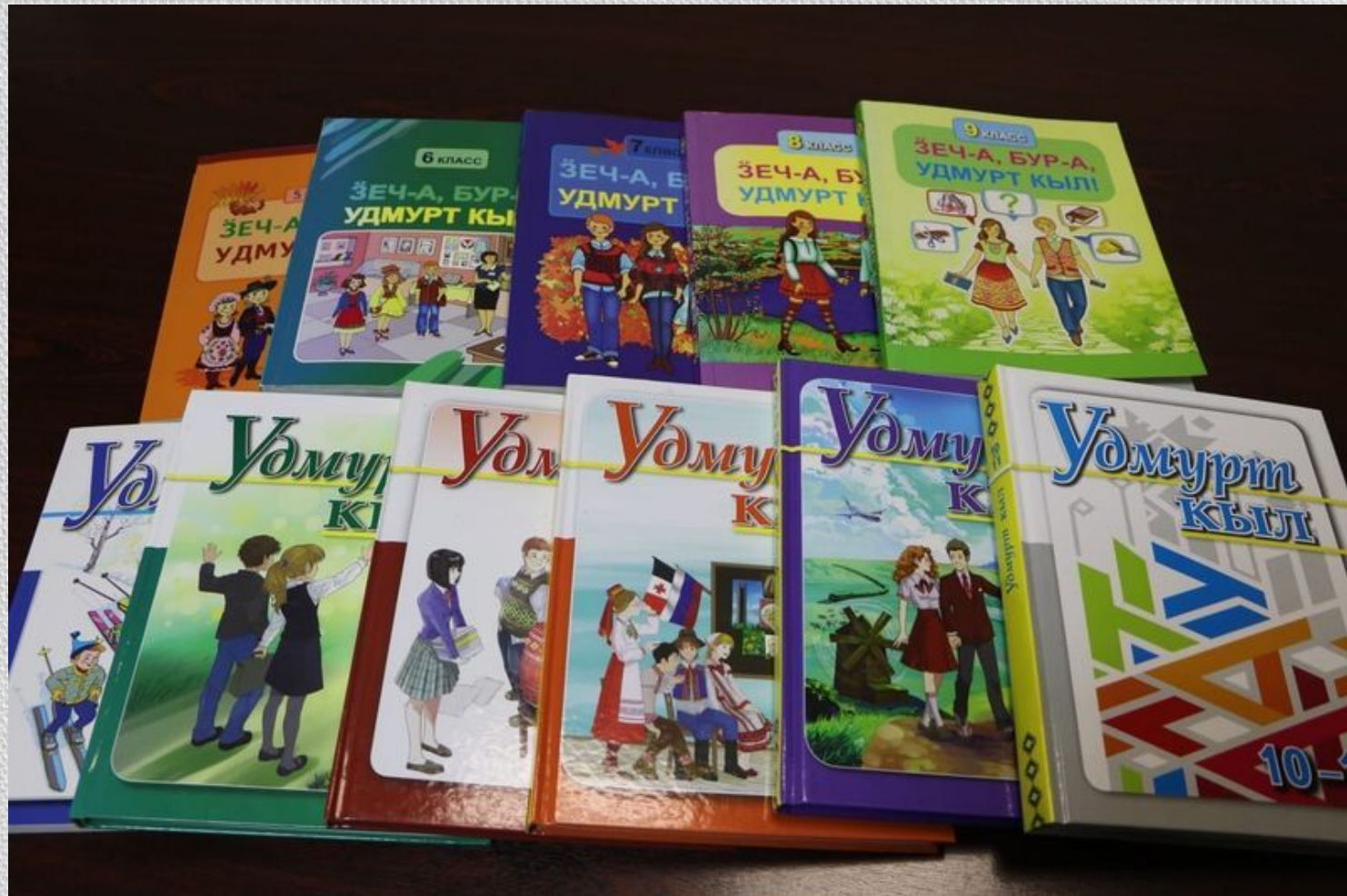
The emergence of the Udmurt writing

Experts began to study the Udmurt language in the 18th century, since only then the Udmurts began to massively convert to Christianity, for which it was necessary to translate Orthodox sacred books, and thus the first grammar was published in 1775 in Cyrillic. The modern Udmurt alphabet was developed in the 1930s and has not changed since then.

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Studying the Udmurt language at school

From the 1st to the 4th grade, there is a compulsory study of the Udmurt language, starting from the 5th - the schoolchildren have a choice whether to go further or go to local history.



National holidays

National holidays such as Gyron Bydton are celebrated, symbolizing the end of the spring field work.



The popularity of the Udmurt language

Buranovskie grandmothers, who became famous for performing hits of famous Russian and foreign performers in the Udmurt language and represented Russia at Eurovision 2012 in Baku, according to the results of which they took second place.



The future of the Udmurt language

According to the latest census of 2010, the Udmurt language is the native language of more than 320 thousand people. At first glance, the figure seems impressive, however, according to the UNESCO language classification, the Udmurt language is "dysfunctional", since the number of people who are fluent in the Udmurt language as their mother tongue decreases noticeably every decade.

However, there are attempts to popularize the Udmurt language, for example Buranovskie grandmothers, and there is a hope that the Udmurt language will be preserved.