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n.

Any of numerous tropical and subtropical chiefly freshwater fishes of the family Cichlidae, which includes the tilapias and many species that are popular as aquarium fish.

[From New Latin *Cichlidae*, family name, from New Latin *Cichla*, type genus, from Greek *kikhlē*, a kind of wrasse; see **ghel**-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

cich lid *adj.*

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