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n. pl. hake or hakes

Any of various marine food fishes chiefly of the genera *Merluccius* and *Urophycis*, closely related to and resembling the cods.

[Middle English, possibly from Old English *haca*, hook (from the shape of its lower jaw); see **keg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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