Q2.8 Germane

Germane actually comes from the word *german,* but it has nothing to do with the country Germany. *German* meant "from the same parents," and Shakespeare gave it the metaphorical meaning it has today: something that is related, relevant, or important to the current topic or situation.

> **MARK SHUBB: We give the audience a choice. We say, you can enjoy a toothpaste commercial, or do you wanna hear folk music?**
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> **JERRY PALTER: I think they'll have already brushed their teeth by that time; it's not even** germane.
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> —Harry Shearer (Mark) and Michael McKean (Jerry) in the movie *A Mighty Wind*