Fighting Chance

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1 Refuses to blink at
11 Circling vultures, perhaps
15 Vacation destination for recreation or relaxation
16 Top pick
17 Obeys an usher
18 Box office dud
19 A smart one may be unwelcome
20 Word that can function like "Amen!" in a comment thread
21 Affirmative retort
22 "The Waste Land" monogram
24 Darling
26 Terribly unlikely
31 Helpful items, idiomatically, when watching tearjerkers
32 Low on hemoglobin, possibly
34 Longtime British record label
35 Main doctor, for short
36 Tiny bit of work
37 Glass of public radio
38 "I refuse to join any club that would have me as a ___" --Groucho Marx
40 Like Elmo, compared to Cookie Monster
42 Make things more interesting
45 Really, really, really hate
46 "Signs point to ___" (Magic 8 Ball answer)
47 Wince, possibly
49 Significant stretches
51 Texas airport hub
54 Scratch the surface, in a way
55 "You heard me on that sensitive topic!"
58 Prefix of opposition
59 European home of the Lorelei
60 Woodworking tool
61 Hack, named for a Japanese company, that could get you extra lives while playing "Contra"

DOWN

1 Mmle., across the Pyrenees
2 Black and Earl Grey
3 Interrogates
4 Sushi garnish
5 Triage places
6 One might be discussed in a security briefing
7 Versatile punctuation mark
8 Food company that invented the tater tot
9 Untrustworthy type
10 1831 rebellion leader Turner
11 Call that results in a five-yard penalty
12 Powdered foodstuff invented as a nutritional supplement for infants
13 Initialism for a pantry staple
14 ___ baby (star with a famous parent)
21 Visible castle defense, maybe
22 "___ Tok" (2009 Kesha hit)
23 Attacks in a petty way
25 Invisible castle defense, maybe
26 "I'm standing right here..."
27 Hobbyist likely to know 61-Across
28 Some old-school variety show staples
29 Recipe amt.
30 It could follow an emphatic "no"
33 Group of eight on the set of "Classic Concentration"
36 Compass point opposite WNW
39 Tiny implanted device
41 A plural article
43 "Eminence Front" band
44 As per the current document, in legalese
47 Behind
48 Sicilian volcano
50 Palindromic Tolstoy heroine
51 "Freedom of Choice" new wave band
52 Beloved comic actor Willard (and "SNL" host when 51-Down was musical guest)
53 "Get in, loser, ___ going shopping" (iconic 2004 film dialogue)
55 Vex
56 Ironman's sport, briefly
57 Minute Maid-owned fruit drink brand