I LOVE YOU MORE THAN...

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When my children were little we played a game called “I love you more than...”. It involved making a long list and alternatingly adding an item. The aim was to memorise the list. If you failed to remember the list, then you didn’t love enough!! It is the same principle as “my aunt packed in her trunk...”. By tradition, we always started with “I love you more than all the tea in china...and the hairs on my head and the grass in the meadow and so on...” Then when the children were away from home we used to write and started abbreviating it to “...all the chiTna...all the poddpd etc”. But we failed to find satisfactory ones for letters D, H, V, W and Z. I thought you might enjoy our bit of fun!

I love you more than all the:

A hayAstack (‘ay) hay in a haystack
a hiBBBve (bees) bees in a hive
the worCCClld (seas) seas in the world
D ???
FaciEEElity (ease) ease in facility
SwearFFFing (ef’s) F’s in swearing
induGGGGstry (4 Gs) forges in industry
H ???
VisIIIion (eyes) eyes in vision
A scoJJJld (jays); jay in a scold
   (scold= collective noun for Jays)
The honouKKKrs-list (Ks) K’s in the honour’s list
   (K = knighthood)
ChigLLLago (Ls) Ls in Chicago
HesitaMMMtion (‘ems) hems in hesitation
A farmNNNyard (‘ens) hens in a farmyard
A sprinOOOkler (‘ose) hose in a sprinkler
A poPPPd (peas)  peas in a pod
A skiQQQlift (queues)  queues in a ski-lift
TroussRRRers (arse)  arse in trousers
WimbleSSSSSSSSSSton (10 S = tennis)  tennis in Wimbledon
ChinTa (tea)  tea in China
A flUUUock (ewes)  ewes in a flock
V ???
W ???
A baskXet (eggs)  eggs in a basket
QuestYYYions (whys) (whys)  whys in a question
Z ???

LETTER BANKS

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Letter banks use and reuse the letters of a given set (the bank). Here are some nice examples.

STARFIELD = FEDERAL DISASTER AREA.

MONARCHIES = MARASCHINO CHERRIES.

PORTLANDS = STOP, DROP, AND ROLL.

MUSICAL NOTE = SATELLITE COMMUNICATION.

SIMPLE KNOT = TIME KEEPS ON SLIPPIN.

As a quiz, use and reuse the bank CAMPFIRE SONG to name a famous royal actress. The answer will be found in Answers and Solutions.