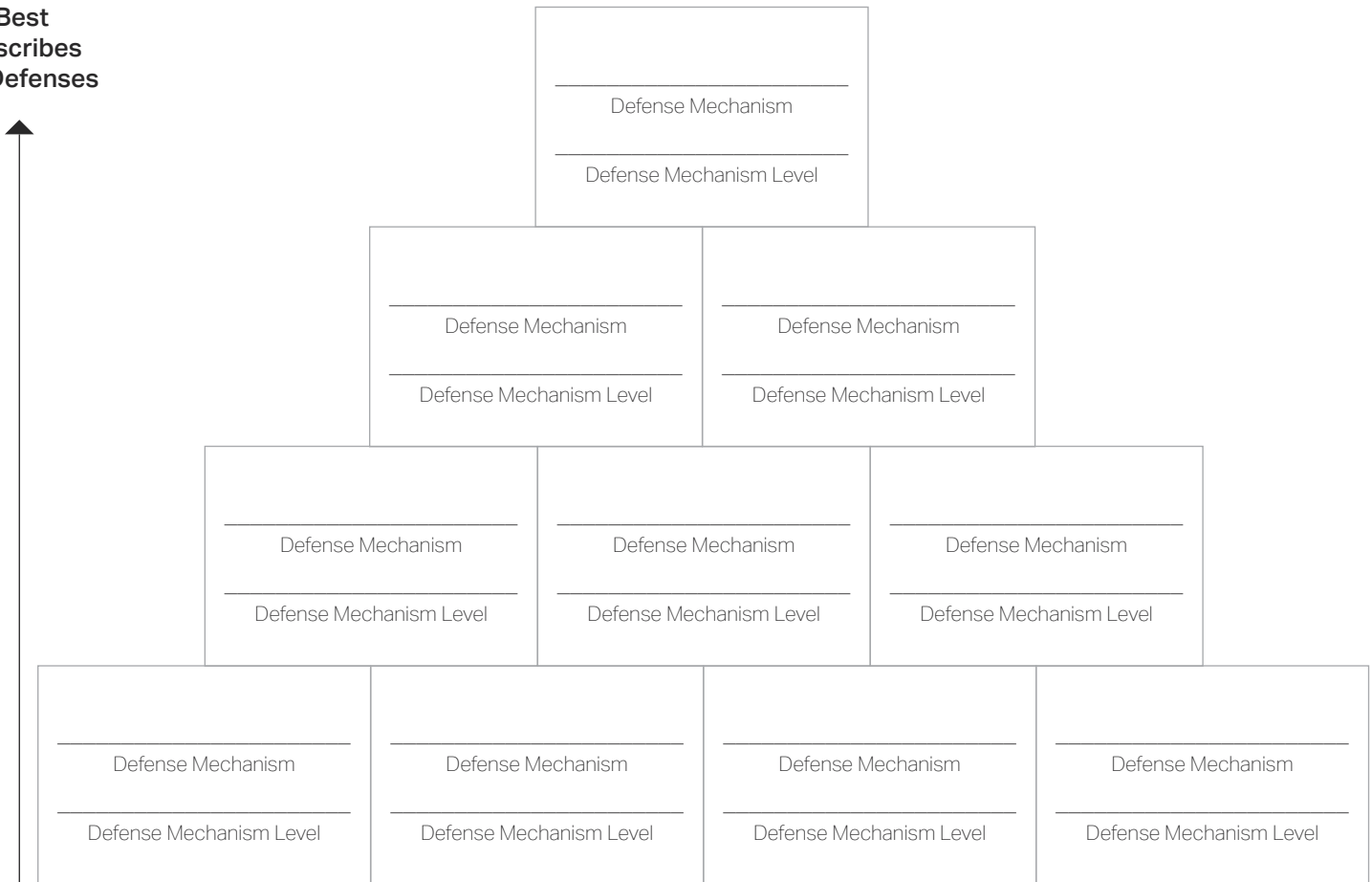


Activity 1: Identify My Defense Mechanisms

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Observe: Complete the pyramid below with up to 10 Sorting Cards you identified in the card activity.

Best
Describes
My Defenses



Questions to Explore

Evaluate:

1. As you think about what you've learned and your results, which level of defense mechanisms do you use most frequently?

2. Which specific defense mechanism(s) do you use most frequently?

3. Which emotions are you trying to protect by distorting your reality with this defense mechanism?

Evaluate (continued):

4. Which Defense Mechanism Levels were most and least represented in your cards? What about this pattern makes sense to you?

Respond:

5. What is one action you can take when you find yourself using these defenses? How can you use more mature mechanisms?

6. Who can you ask for help and support?