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## Vocabulary Financial Schemes & Scams Student Worksheet

### Primary Vocabulary

**1. Scams:**

**2. Defraud:**

**3. Ponzi schemes:**

**4. Pyramid schemes:**

**5. Affinity fraud:**

## Supplementary Vocabulary

### 6. Scimming:

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#### Primary Vocabulary

1. **Scams:** Fraudulent or deceptive schemes
2. **Defraud:** To take from or deprive of by fraud
3. **Ponzi schemes:** A type of financial fraud in which people pay to join an organization in exchange for the right to sell memberships to other people.
4. **Pyramid schemes:** Closely related to a pyramid scheme but the promoter generally has no product to sell and says no commission to investors who recruit new members

**5. Affinity fraud:** A name for a type of scam that targets members of a specific demographic. Perpetrators may attempt to relate to or exploit characteristics common to the demographic. Targeted groups can include the elderly, ethnic groups, and religions.

### Supplementary Vocabulary

**6. Scimming:** Occurs when thieves set up a device that captures the magnetic stripe and keypad information from ATM machines and gas pumps.