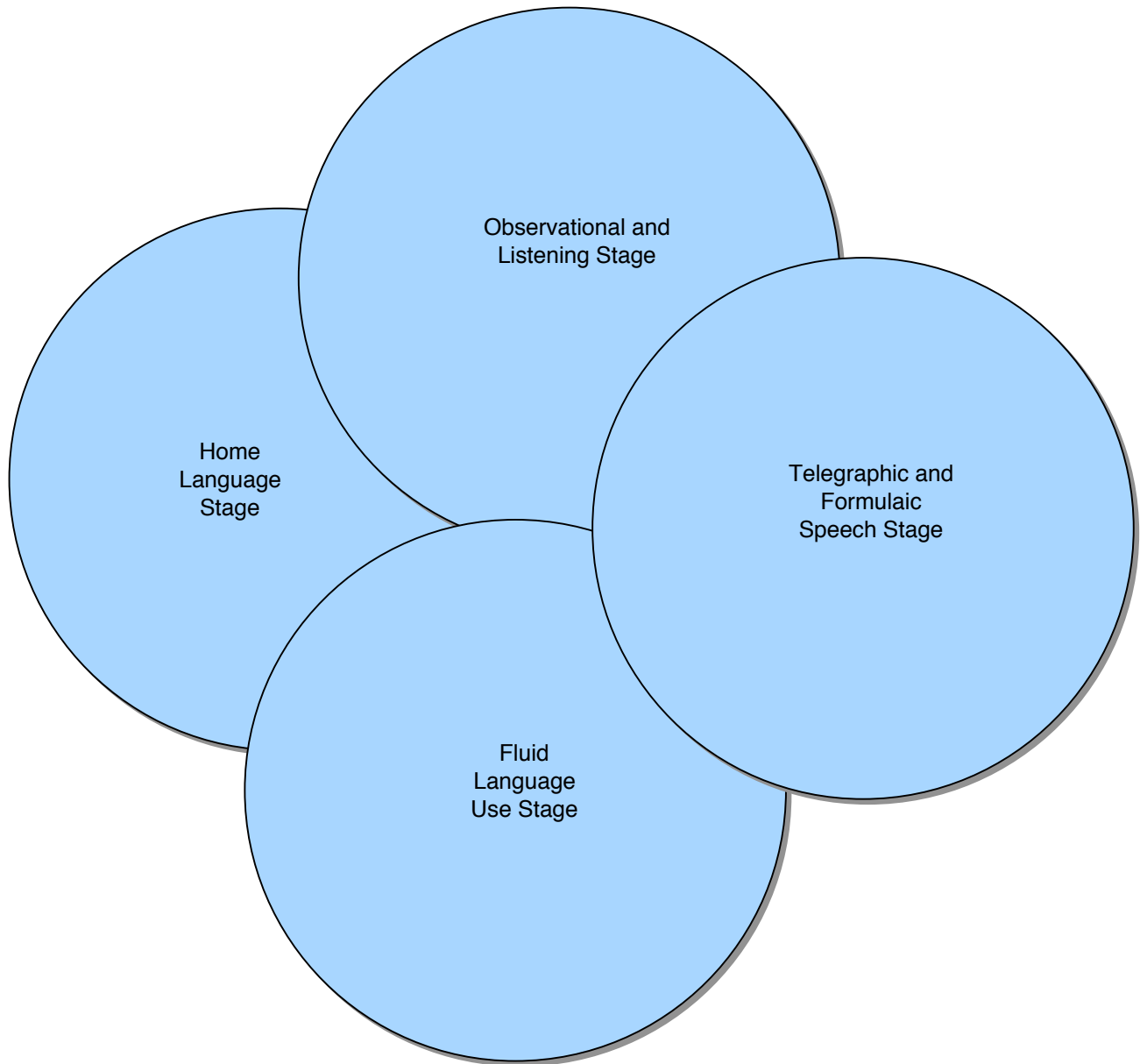


Stages of Second Language Acquisition

Children acquiring a second language generally move through the four stages below. It is important to note that not all children go through all stages and that very often the same child will 'weave' in and out of each of these stages, depending on the situation.



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