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Example of a paragraph (transition words to look for are italicized and bolded):

In a fish farm, Rainbow Trout start as eggs. **First**, the eggs are put into incubators inside the farm buildings, which control the temperature for eggs to get ready to hatch. **After** 35 days, the eggs hatch into tiny fish called "fry." **Then** the fry with a yolk sack still attached to the tails are moved from the incubators into indoor ponds where they continue to grow. When the fry lose their yolk sac they are able to swim to the surface. **Next**, the swim-up fry are fed a special food to help them grow until they are three (3) inches long. They are now called "fingerlings." The fingerlings are moved outdoor to raceways for eight (8) months. While outdoors, the fish are sorted into schools by their size until they are full grown. Rainbow Trout are full grown when they are 12-16 ounces. **Finally**, the fish are now ready to be sold to markets.