Rewriting a factual text: ‘What causes floods?’

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- A tsunami (a very high wave started by an under-sea earthquake) reaches the coast.
- Coastal rivers are already full (such as from recent heavy rainfall).
- The ground becomes soaked with water and rivers and streams fill up.
- It keeps raining and watercourses cannot carry all the extra water.
- High tide pushes up the level of water in coastal rivers even more.
- When the larger than normal waves reach the coast, a storm surge is created.
- A tropical cyclone over the sea causes high winds which make large waves, and also the low air pressure of the cyclone might lift up the sea slightly.
- An earthquake shakes and damages the walls of a dam.
- The dam walls break and let the stored water escape in an uncontrolled way.
- Lots of rain falls and keeps on falling.

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