

Grammar point: 文法

- 1 The use of N/NP/V-ing as the subject
"Wrapping rice dumplings really isn't hard to do."
In this example, the "ing" addition creates a gerund, which effectively transforms the verb into a noun.
- 2 "I'm starving" versus "I'm starved"
Here, the "-ing" form creates an adjective, so either styles are grammatically correct, and share similar meanings as well.
- 3 The use of "while" (as compared to "whereas")
"Rice dumplings from southern Taiwan are cooked, while those from northern Taiwan are steamed."
In this example, both "while" and "whereas" can be used, but generally "whereas" has a juxtaposition or comparison effect, and "while" does not.

