現在分詞」主要用在進行式,或當形容詞來修飾名詞,表示正在進行或主動的動作,有時也可當名詞用

當主要動詞的一部分

My mother is watching TV.

當形容詞

Don't disturb the sleeping dog. peace-loving people (愛好和平的人)

當補語

Grandpa sat by the fireplace reading the newspaper. (主詞補語) I heard the student playing the piano. (受詞補語)

當名詞

the living(活人)、the starving(飢餓的人)、the drowning(快淹死的人)

引導分詞構句

Having finished their work, they went home together. (表主動)

「動名詞」是名詞,表示動詞所指的行為

當主詞

Exercising regularly is very important for you.

當受詞

Sam likes watching movies very much.

當補語

My hobby is listening to jazz.

用於介系詞之後

He is not very good at cooking.

- ★ A sleeping car [動名詞],帶有名詞的性質, a sleeping car = a car for sleeping
- ★ A sleeping baby [現在分詞],帶有形容詞的性質,a baby who is sleeping