

Re: Is "is" a verb?

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> > > I am indeed a native speaker of English. I challenge ANYONE to tell
> > > me that "I'm being well" is not a correct English sentence!
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> > Plenty of things in English are arguably 'correct' – in that you wouldn't
> > be able to find printed anywhere a specific rule stating that the sentence
> > is grammatically wrong. But 'correctness' is only half of what matters
> > when speaking/writing a language. "I'm being well" is not idiomatic as
> > part of Standard English in any major English-speaking country.
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> Who ever said it was? *I* sure as hell didn't. But "I'm GOING well"
> is not exactly something you'd expect to hear every day either.

Only because satisfied laxative users tend not to expound on the wellness of their going:–)

> CONTEXT is EVERYTHING.

> Like I said, if you were putting on a play and
> someone was acting as a lawyer, the "lawyer" could ask if he was
> "being" a lawyer well. To which the askee could respond "you're being
> it well". Of course, "you're DOING (it) well" or "you're acting (it)
> well" are probably more LIKELY answers.

Not likely. Likely answers would be "playing a lawyer well", "acting the part of a lawyer well" or "acting well in the role of a lawyer".

> But, why the hell mightn't
> someone say, "you're being it well" or "you're being good at it"?
> Just because something isn't heard EVERY day, that doesn't make it