



Jag kysste henne inte (“I didn’t kiss her”)

If the object is going to “shift” out of **VP** - to a hypothetical “object agreement phrase” **AgrOP** or whatever the analysis in question requires - it can only do so if the sequential ordering relations established at the last phase are preserved. Since *vP* is a phase by hypothesis, the relative SVO ordering between subject, object and verb established by that point in the derivation has to surface in the final **SpellOut** of the expression. The subject must precede the verb and the object, and the verb must precede the object. The negation head *inte*, by contrast, is not ordered with respect to the subject, verb and object at the (*vP*) phase level. It will be ordered at the **SpellOut** of the next phase up: **CP**. Items are free to reorder with respect to *inte* at this point, but they may not reorder relative to each other. In this system, everything in VP is fully visible and accessible at the **CP** phase level, even though **VP** is