

Verbs (not) allowing transferred negation.

Pro-forms replacing the object clause are also irregular.

Verb	Transferred negation allowed?			With <i>not</i> as a pro form?	With so as a pro form?
appear	It doesn't appear that's true	=	It appears that isn't true	It appears not	It doesn't appear so
ask	I didn't ask if it was true	≠	I asked if it wasn't true	No: *I asked not	No: *I didn't ask so
assume	I don't assume that's true	≠	I assume that's not true	I assume not	I don't assume so
believe	I don't believe that's true	=	I believe that's not true	I believe not	I don't believe so
claim	I don't claim that's true	≠	I claim that's not true	No: *I claim not	I don't claim so
enquire	I didn't enquire if it was true	≠	I enquired if it wasn't true	No: *I enquired not	No: *I didn't enquire so
expect	I don't expect that's true	=	I expect that's not true	I expect not	I don't expect so
fancy	I don't fancy that's true	=	I fancy that's not true	I fancy not	I don't fancy so
guess	I don't guess that's true	≠	I guess that's not true	I guess not	?: ?I don't guess so
hope	I don't hope that's true	≠	I hope that's not true	I hope not	No: *I don't hope so
imagine	I don't imagine that's true	=	I imagine that's not true	I imagine not	I don't imagine so
presume	I don't presume that's true	≠	I presume that's not true	?: ?I presume not	I don't presume so
reckon	I don't reckon that's true	3	I reckon that's not true	I reckon not	I don't reckon so
say	I don't say that's true	≠	I say that's not true	No: *I say not	I don't say so
seem	It doesn't seem that's true	=	It seems that's not true	It seems not	It doesn't seem so
state	I don't state that's true	≠	I state that's not true	No: *I state not	No: *I don't state so
suppose	I don't suppose that's true	=	I suppose that's not true	I suppose not	I don't suppose so
tell	I didn't tell you that's true	≠	I told you that's not true	No: *I told you not	I didn't tell you so
think	I don't think that's true	=	I think that's not true	I think not	I don't think so
understand	I don't understand that's true	≠	I understand that's not true	?: ?I understand not	I don't understand so

Verbs highlighted in this colour do not allow transferred negation without a change in meaning. Items are marked with a '?' are doubtfully acceptable Some of the forms marked as wrong with the '*' may occur for stylistic or literary effect.