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Use the table provided above to calculate the following relative frequencies.

2. What is the proportion of babies who were predicted to be male but were actually female?
3. What is the proportion of incorrect ultrasound gender predictions?
4. For babies predicted to be female, what proportion of the predictions were correct?
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The frequency of 130 represents the number of babies who were predicted to be female but were actually male (i.e., the ultrasound prediction was not correct for these babies).

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2. What is the proportion of babies who were predicted to be male but were actually female?

$$\frac{48}{1000} = 0.048$$

3. What is the proportion of incorrect ultrasound gender predictions?

$$\frac{130 + 48}{1000} = 0.178$$

4. For babies predicted to be female, what proportion of the predictions were correct?

$$\frac{432}{562} \approx 0.769$$

5. For babies predicted to be male, what proportion of the predictions were correct?

$$\frac{390}{438} \approx 0.890$$

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