



# Picture News

at Home




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What's going on this week?



News that grammar schools are to be handed £50 million to help create more school places has been met with a mixed reaction. Unlike non-selective schools, grammars are state-funded secondary schools that admit pupils based on their academic ability. Students are offered places after sitting exams which test skills such as verbal reasoning and maths. Grammar schools are controversial as they select all their pupils on the basis of ability tests, known as the 11-plus, which children take at the age of 10 or 11.

*Things to talk about at home...*

-  Do you think schools should be allowed to choose who attends through using tests? If not, how do you think schools should decide who goes there?
-  Who do you think should decide what secondary schools children go to? The child or adults?
-  If schools are full, what do you think is a fair way to decide who should get accepted and who doesn't?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*

