

10.6. Another vs the other vs each other vs one another

another is used when there are multiple entities.

While my favorite dish was available at the restaurant, I ordered another.

one another is used to depict interaction, when more than two entities may be involved.

While all five of them were close friends, they competed fiercely with one another in academics.

the other is used when there are only two entities involved.

While they were both old classmates, none of them recognized the other when they met many years later.

each other is used to depict interaction between exactly two entities.

While the couple filed for divorce, it was clear that they were still in love with each other.

A sentence based on official question (*There may be more than a dozen boat parties in the Grand canyon...*):

The success of multi-party negotiations depends on how well each party understands the other.

Analysis: As discussed above, the other is used when there are only two entities are involved. In the above sentence however, it is clear that *multiple* entities (“multi-party”) are involved. Hence, we should use *another*. So, the correct sentence is:

The success of multi-party negotiations depends on how well each party understands another.