

What is a difference?

He didn't go to Africa.

He hasn't been to Africa.

He didn't go to Africa.

≒ Since he is already died, he can't go to Africa anymore.

He hasn't been to Africa.

≒ There is a possibility that he will go to Africa in his life.

What is a mistake?

I had two cups of tea today.

△ I had two cups of tea today.

○ I have had two cups of tea today.

It is still today.

The period of time(today) has not finished yet.

So, there is a possibility of having another cup of tea later.

What is a mistake?

I have had two cups of tea with my breakfast.

△ I have had two cups of tea with my breakfast.

○ I had two cups of tea with my breakfast.

I finished my breakfast today.

So, there is no possibility of having another cup of tea with my breakfast.

What is a difference?

I have had two cups of tea today.

I have been having two cups of tea today.

I have been having two cups of tea today.

≡ I always have more than two cups of tea everyday.

So it is very likely that I have another cup of tea today.

What is a difference?

I was cooking when my wife came home.

I had been cooking when my wife came home.

I was cooking when my wife came home.

≐ My cooking was stopped by her arrival.

A long continuous action is interrupted by a short action.

Ex. I was eating when the phone rang.

I had been cooking when my wife came home.

≐ I had already finished cooking and the food was ready for her to eat.

A long continuous action stopped before the next short action happened.

Ex. I had been eating when I went to bed.

What is a mistake?

It was a beautiful hotel which lobby looked like a palace.

- It was a beautiful hotel whose lobby looked like a palace.
 - It was a beautiful hotel which has a lobby like a palace.
 - It was a beautiful hotel that has a lobby like a palace.
- which=formal, that=casual

What is a mistake?

There were three hundreds people
at his wedding.

○ There were three hundred people
at his wedding.

What is a mistake?

If I'm a bird, I would fly to you.

○ If I were a bird, I would fly to you.
I'm not a bird. It is an assumption.

What is a mistake?

A: The ticket has already sold out.

B: I'm too late, amn't I?

○ I'm too late, aren't I?

