TIPS TO AVOID "THIS ESSAY WILL..."

01 REVERSE THE ORDER OF THE SENTENCE
Instead of saying "This essay will discuss A, B and C" You can change it to "A, B and C will be discussed/presented."

02 BE MORE SPECIFIC
It is important to refer specifically to the main ideas that you want to discuss rather than just naming them. For example, if you said "This essay will look at the counselling skills used in the case study...", you could instead say "In the case study, active listening, and clarifying were used and these skills will be analysed."

03 USE THE MARKING CRITERIA
You can turn the marking criteria into questions. For example: If the criteria is "identify your learning", you could ask yourself, "What are my learning styles?" Then in your introduction, you can write "My preferred learning styles of A and B will be analysed in this paper."

04 USE THE '3 STAGES' OF AN INTRODUCTION
1. Background/Description of the topic
2. State what the essay will cover (signposting)
3. Present the thesis statement.

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1. A, B and C will be analysed/examined/discussed/argued/presented.

2. A discussion of X and Y will be presented in this essay.

3. In this paper, X, Y and Z are the main topics that will be examined.

4. A, B and C are the key factors/concepts/ideas/theories/skills that will be explored in this essay.

5. My character strengths of A, B & C developed .......
   They could be further developed by ......

6. A and B are the key ideas to be considered in this paper.

7. A comparison of X and Y will be offered in this essay.

8. Reflecting upon my session, there are three key areas I need to improve, A, B and C. (reflective papers)

9. My experience of X could impact my counselling practice in the following ways: A, B and C. (reflective papers)

10. My personal reflections of A will be highlighted/illustrated/explained/evaluated based on theories of X, Y and Z. (reflective papers)

For additional help and support you can always contact Student Learning Support:

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Try to avoid introductions that start with:

- A question
- A quote
- A joke
- A story