This is the first session on essay writing.  It follows on from our series on essay planning. Essays are often the first long piece of writing people have done and getting the content and structure right is a new skill to learn. We’ll look at the different stages involved and the purpose of essays and how to structure your essay identifying the vital components. We’ll consider the types of information sources you might use for your essay and where to find them.  There is advice on finding your own voice and avoiding plagiarism.  Essays are a great tool for showcasing your understanding and getting more depth in your subject area so it makes sense to upskill yourself and build the best essay you can.  It is helpful (but not essential) to attend or watch the recordings of the essay planning workshops before attending.

In the first session on essay writing we looked at the basic structure of a good essay.  In this session we now look to the skills to move onto writing excellent essays.  What do tutors expect in an excellent essay and how do you achieve that?  We break down the essay into its components and consider what the expected content and structure is for each of them.  There is an interactive section on what could go wrong so that you can build strategies to avoid common mistakes.  One of the essay writing stages that makes the difference between a good and excellent essay is taking the time to edit and check as editing is a crucial part of the writing process and we’ll discuss when and how to do it.  Make your essay memorable for the right reasons.

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