



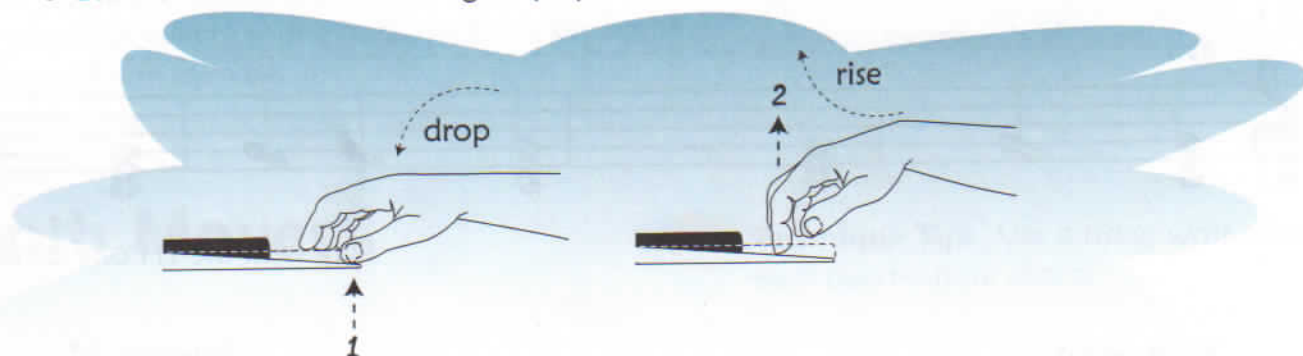
Technique Tool 4

Two-Note Slurs

A phrase consisting of two notes connected by a slur is called a *two-note slur*. The first note is usually emphasized more than the second note. Follow the steps below to become skilled at playing two-note slurs.

On the closed keyboard cover, play *Drop and Lift*, Nos. 1 and 2.

- Use *arm weight* and drop onto the first note.
- Use a *rising wrist* as you play the second note with no *arm weight*.
- Let the wrist lead the hand gently up from the keyboard.



Drop and Lift



Technique Tip: On the *first* note, listen for a full, rich tone. On the *second* note, listen for a softer, lighter tone.

Moderately

1. *mf*

Moderately

2. *mf*

Technique Challenge: Play Nos. 1 and 2 hands together. The RH and LH use the *same* fingers and move in *contrary motion*.

Moderately

3. *mf*