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Transport can be a major expense for many companies, especially when cars have to be provided for both managerial and sales staff. 1 As a result, it is important to keep a close eye on the many costs 2 associated with company cars and how these different costs compare. The moment a new car is driven away from the showroom, its value will drop as much as 12 percent. This is what is 3 known as depreciation and is the largest single cost to the buyer of a new vehicle. Depreciation is the highest in the 4 first two years of a vehicle's life: at the end of that period a car could be worth just the third of its brand new price. 5 Although the rate of depreciation decreases as time goes by, it remains a major cost factor, as around 85 percent of company vehicles are brought brand new. 6 However, it is important to know that some cars depreciate much more than others regardless of price. This is often 7 due to rarity and prestige value. The more common the car, the more quickly, in general, it loses value. Imported 8 models, which are restricted in number, can hold their value better than those produced domestically and widely available. 9 In the same way, depreciation on a new model of a particular make may be low for the first few years after their launch. 10 This happened when diesel cars were first introduced. They depreciated more slowly when they were rarely seen. Now that they are relatively common, this is no longer true.

答案及解析: 1. sales

名词做定语时一般用单数形式，但在个别情况下也需要用复数。此处sales便是这种情况。再如 arms race 军备竞赛，savings bank 储蓄银行。2. atonkeep an eye on为固定搭配。3.0drop后面加byby与as much as 12 percent结合，做谓语动词0drop的表示程度的状语。4. 删除highest之前的the5. thea序数词表示次序时要用定冠词修饰。6. brandlybrand “崭新地” 习惯用brand new 或brand-new，此处修饰brought，做状语，意义相当于“崭新地”。7. moreless所在的句子是该段落的主题句，据该段落的细节可知应为less。8. ExportedImported根据常识，进口车由于其进口的数量受到限制，有可能比国产车贬值得慢一些。9. are之前加which/that 或 删除are要么使用定语从句修饰those，妖媚用形容词做those的补足语。10. theirits/the据上下文，its或the指代或特指a new model of a particular make

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