Expressions that describe possibility/capability.

There are two ways to express possibility/capability

① Potential form (see Potential form List)

② Dictionary form + koto ga dekimasu

① Potential form

This is used to simply express whether it can be done or not.

e.g., I can go to Hokkaido by bullet train. to go : いきます ikimasu → potential form : いけます ikemasu

➡ しんかんせんで ほっかいどうに いけます。
Shinkansen de Hokkaido ni ikemasu.
(by)

② Dictionary form + ことができます。 koto ga dekiamsu.

This sentence pattern is used to mention the possibility of something that sounds difficult to be done.

space うちゅう uchuu

(It's not common at the moment.)

e.g., We will be able to go into space in the near future. to go : いきます ikimasu → Dictionary form : いく iku

➡ ちかいしょうらい うちゅうに いくこと が できます。
chika-shoorai uchuu ni iku koto ga dekimasu.
(near future) (space)