To be or to have: that is the question

plays/played are parts of the verb to play – that’s obvious.
is/are/am/were are parts of the verb to be – that’s less obvious, isn’t it!

In fact, the verbs to be and to have are irregular in many languages, and that includes French!
For this reason, the dictionary lists many different forms of these verbs, and not only the infinitives être (to be) and avoir (to have). For example:

A French exchange student writes:  
Nous sommes Marocains. Nous avons trois chats.

• Look up the verbs and you’ll be referred to the infinitives:
  sommes verb > être
  avons verb > avoir

• Look up the infinitives and you’ll find:
  être verb > to be
  avoir verb > to have

• So the sentences mean:
  > We are Moroccans.
  > We have three cats.

A form for an exchange student

Look up the underlined verbs in the dictionary. Follow the > symbol to the right verb. Then translate what the exchange student has written into English.

information diététiques / dietary information

Je suis végétarienne.  I __________ a vegetarian.

Je n’ai pas d’allergies.  I ____________________________.

informations sur la famille / information about the family

Ma mère est architecte.  My mother ________________________.

Elle a un bureau en ville.  She ____________________________.

Mes frères sont coquins.  My ____________________________.

questions à votre partenaire / questions for your partner

Avez-vous des animaux?  Do you ____________________________?